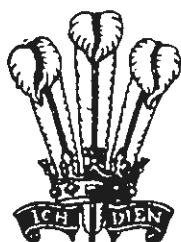


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His Royal Highness
Charles
Prince of Wales
Colonel-in-Chief
The Royal Canadian Dragoons



COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT'S MESSAGE FOR SPRINGBOK 1987

The performance of the Regiment in West Germany and in Canada in 1987 has been nothing less than outstanding and the rallying round and support provided by the RCD Association and the Extra-Regimentally Employed members of the Dragoons has demonstrated once again the strength and meaning of the regimental system. In Germany, despite the requirements for planning and execution of the rotation back to Canada, the Regiment, true to its traditions, maintained its high level of operational effectiveness and professional proficiency which were demonstrated in the excellent energetic performance and placing of our teams in both the Boselaager Divisional Reconnaissance Competition and the Canadian Army Trophy Tank Gunnery Competition. The congratulations and commendations for these stupendous achievements are due not only to the teams, but to all members of the Regiment, the supporting services and to the higher commanders in

Germany and Canada who provided encouragement and support. The same zeal and efficiency which marked the competitions was also evident in the smooth handover of responsibilities in 4CMBG to the 8th CH and the return to Canada. The continuity of the Regiment was maintained without interruption as the Guidon moved from CFB Lahr to CFB Petawawa and the Regiment was reformed at its new location the very next day following its departure from West Germany. Without missing a beat the Royal Canadian Dragoons assumed new responsibilities as part of the Special Service Force in the defence of Canada.

Commendation is also due to C Squadron and the members of the Regiment in the Armour School and Combat Training Centre in CFB Gagetown who throughout the year continued to perform their duties and responsibilities most effectively in support of the combat arms of Canada's army and at the same time had great success in building the Dragoon spirit and the RCD Association in the Atlantic Region.

All components of the regimental family are to be congratulated for their support and participation in the Leliefontein celebrations at CFB Petawawa and CFB Gagetown that marked the completion of the 104th year of the Regiment's service to Canada. One could only be impressed by the great spirit of comradeship and support that all members of the family, male and female, displayed on those occasions. The level of contribution to the Ceremonial Uniform Project has been encouraging and with your continued support should be demonstrably successful within the next year or so. Evidence of real progress will be apparent at ceremonial events during 1988.

The winds of change continue to blow as the impacts of the new defence policy on the force structure of the Canadian Army are evolving. As I write this message, the specific future role of the Regiment has not been identified, but I am assured that the Royal Canadian Dragoons will go forward in an important operational role within the divisional structure that is now being designed. The challenge to the regimental family is ever present. All of you have important parts to play in the Regiment's future.

G.G. Bell
Brigadier-General
Colonel, Royal Canadian Dragoons

EDITOR'S NOTE: General Bell was asked by the Regiment, and the Chief of Defence Staff (General P.D. Manson) to extend his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment, The Royal Canadian Dragoons from July 1988 until July 1989. The Commanding Officer is pleased to announce that General Bell has willingly accepted this extension to his appointment. The Regiment and the Army will continue to be well served by our Colonel.



COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

I have found it very difficult to write this introduction to The Springbok. Each Commanding Officer gets only two chances to contribute in this fashion and as this is my second, it means that in addition to being a year older it is time to move aside for new blood. It is not easy to move aside and to say good-bye.

As a team we have done a lot together in the past year since the last Springbok. It has not been a quiet time, but then life in the Dragoons cannot normally be described as being quiet. This journal records for all time the events which have contributed to making 1987 the successful year that I consider it to have been. We left 4CMBG and our home of 17 years (Lahr) with our heads held high because of Regimental successes created by pulling together as a team. We moulded a completely new team here in Petawawa on new equipment and set about making a strong reputation for ourselves in a myriad of new circumstances. The turmoil associated with returning to Petawawa was manageable because of a strong Regimental spirit at all levels including within our Association.

I consider that repatriation to Canada was complete when we all stood on the Leliefontein 87 parade in Petawawa in sub-zero temperatures. The

Regimental veterans beside an ERE contingent beside C Squadron from Gagetown beside the Petawawa Dragoons was truly a remarkable and memorable sight. The old comrades' attendance at all weekend activities helped bond us together again as a complete family. I know that the young enjoyed the weekend as much as did the not-so-young and the veterans. I was proud to be a Dragoon.

As I move on to a new job, I know that the void created by leaving the Regiment will be hard to fill. I have enjoyed every minute as your Commanding Officer: the good times and the bad, the successes and the 'also-rans'. I thank each and every soldier (Crewman, Mechanic, Technician, Signaller, Clerk, Meathead, Cook and Medic) and his dependants for their positive support and contributions to Regimental life. My family and I are sad to leave, but we are also immensely proud to have had the experience. Continued good shooting, Dragoons.

R.G. Meating
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer



REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR'S MESSAGE

To be appointed Regimental Sergeant Major of the Dragoons was indeed an honour, a time in my life that I will remember forever, and all too soon I find the first year of my tour has passed.

The return to Petawawa in July after seventeen years of service in Lahr will not quickly be forgotten by Dragoons. A happy occasion, in that we continue to build a closer family relationship with the Old Guard and all Dragoons serving on Extra Regimental Duty. I am sure we always retain our memories of friends made, the challenge of serving and the ties and friendship with 4 CMBG.

Our first year back has been a busy time for all Dragoons. From our first PCF courses, through exercises, the celebration of Leliefontein, sports competitions, gun camps and preparing for Ram's Head and Merritt Cup competitions, the soldiers continue to do everything demanded of them in a very professional manner both in garrison and in the field. The spirit of professional dedication and efforts to achieve higher standards will preserve the traditions and customs of the Regiment.

I would also like to welcome all new Dragoons and especially those in a supporting role. Your efforts are very significant in helping us achieve and maintain our high standards. To all Dragoons, the best of luck and good shooting.

R.J. Lynk
Chief Warrant Officer
Regimental Sergeant Major

The Year in Review



January — GOC's Inspection

*February — ATI
— Mini-Gun Camp
— Brigade Ski School*



*March — Brigade Officers'
Study
— Boeselager preparation*

April — Regimental Gun Camp,
Bergen Hohne
— CAT training,
Grafenwöhr



May — Boeselager 87
— EX SNAKEBITE
— Farewell to Lahr parade

June — Canadian Army Trophy
competition





July — *Regimental rotation*



August — *Militia training*
— *parachute training*



September — *EX NOTTAWASAGA*
RATTLER



October

- Recce Sqn FTX
- Regimental Gun Camp, Petawawa
- Squadron Swim Camps



November — Leliefontein 87



December — Men's Christmas Dinner
— IRU

RHINE RIVER CROSSING April 1987



A river crossing exercise conducted by our affiliated regiment in the French Army, The Douzième Cuirassiers, that was attended by members of A Squadron in April 1987.

A black and white photograph of an M1 Abrams tank in a desert environment. The tank is positioned in the foreground, angled towards the right. Its turret and main gun are visible, with a large antenna on top. The background shows a flat, arid landscape under a clear sky. The text "A Sqn" is overlaid in the upper right quadrant of the image.

A Sqn



Front Row L-R: Lt JR Moreau; Lt B Kew; 2Lt RE Kearney; 2Lt SH Bassindale; Capt AJ Earnshaw; Maj GR Hall; MWO BR Mokler; WO DD Courtney; Sgt NL Raymond; Sgt RE Cable; WO RA Hopkins; Sgt JA Mills.

2nd Row L-R: Cpl TRW Lepoidevin; MCpl R Gagne; Cpl R Cox; MCpl JHC Levesque; Cpl JA Moreau; Tpr AR Dartington; Tpr GJ Jesso; Tpr GG Taylor; Tpr SW Deville; Cpl WW Remus; Tpr AA Oesch; MCpl KD Lampert; Tpr GT Goodall; Tpr GA Morris; Tpr JJA Adam; MCpl CB Ward; Tpr PV McNeil; Cpl JL Novodvorsky; Cpl AS Dumas.

3rd Row L-R: Tpr Walker; MCpl JE Bolduc; Tpr AJ Pellizzari; Tpr CG Hatfield; Tpr JCO Croisetiere; Cpl RJ Herscheid; Tpr P Clabby; Tpr AA Gagnon; Cpl ME Rodden; Tpr AJ Vinkle; Tpr SP Hewitt; Tpr RJ Thomas; Cpl KW Anderson; Tpr DS Eheler; Cpl RC Matthews; Tpr TAG O'Keefe; Tpr JG Hillier; MCpl KR Jones; MCpl RM Virtanen.

Missing: Cpl SF Allan, WO LC Beaton; MCpl DB Beaudet; Tpr IC Brown; Sgt WJ Burke; MCpl RS Carrew; MCpl RT Chattington; MCpl WC Dale; Sgt CR Duke; Cpl AT Evans; MCpl Green; Sgt HR Harkies; Tpr JA Hayings; MCpl KE Johnston; Tpr MP LeFleur; Cpl GK Lamont; Tpr VP Lyall; Tpr DA MacLaren; Sgt FA Maall; Tpr WT Martin; MCpl DE McConnell; Tpr JP McDonald; Sgt DE McGee; Cpl JR McLeod; Tpr PA Ridell; WO BE Sloan; MCpl RL St-Denis; Cpl E Stein; Cpl DE Talbot; Tpr GP O'Neil; MCpl AP Thompson; Cpl RR Webber.

Over the past year A Sqn, along with the Regiment, has had a very long and rewarding year. Preparations for CAT 87 started soon in the New Year as we commissioned our tanks in Bergen-Hohne in early February. Long hours of gunnery training under the supervision of Sgt's Dave Smith and Jim Orr prepared the sqn to a level of gunnery excellence second to none. In April the sqn conducted continuation training in gunnery, ending with a sqn gunnery competition. 4TP, led by 2LT Moreau, won the best troop and 14B, commanded by Sgt Hauschildt, won the best crew.

A tank that doesn't work is of no use to anyone. However, the B.C., Capt Ferron, and our maintenance WO, WO Wayne Boone, proved that with long hours of hard work A Sqn could attain yet another goal of winning the Regimental Maintenance Award, the Golden Wrench, for attaining the best results in the Regimental ATI.

Gas. Gas. Gas. Yes, this was a challenge of personal stamina, durability and survivability. A Sqn conducted NBC training, and finally an exercise that trained us to work in a nuclear, biological or chemically contaminated area.

In late June the Sqn held the annual Cypher Cup Challenge, a competition to determine the overall best troop. The Challenge consisted of a number of events that tested the ability of all competitors in general military skills. Administration troop (Smurf troop) coached by Papa Smurf (SSM Marshall), managed by Gargimel (the SQ, WO Moore) and a host of keenly trained Smurfettes won the best troop.

On 10 July 87 a sad day dawned for the sqn, as the best trained tank sqn in N.A.T.O. returned to Petawawa. We all said good-bye and good shooting to friends remaining in Lahr.

Major Hall took command of A Sqn from Maj. Moffat upon arrival in Canada only to discover that yes, it is the best Cougar Sqn in Canada. Right away we started to settle into the land of the "round door knobs", and the sqn went to work to master its new piece of equipment. A Sqn assisted in instructing crew commanding courses and gunnery courses under the watchful eyes of WO T.J. O'Connor and Sgt Wayne Burke, our new gunnery experts.

In early September A Sqn deployed to Borden to conduct troop and Sqn training, and in the rolling sand dunes of Borden, the sqn excelled to a level of tactical



C/S 12 moving cross-country September, 1987.

excellence. Just ask WO Larry Beaton. He will tell you when a gap is a gap. During this period, Tpr Eheler, thinking of love and his new bride-to-be, layed down in about four acres of poison ivy. However, with the superb care of our medic, MCpl Johnston, and a few bottles of calamine lotion, the sqn sent him off to be married. Welcome to the RCD family Sue.

An era came to an end this year when the Chicken Olympics were cancelled due to foul (sic) weather. SSM Mokler quickly organized some indoor games and, with stiff competition and hearty fun, the sqn developed a sense of comradeship that will never be forgotten.

EX NOTTAWASAGA RATTLER ended with the sqn exchanging the sands of Borden for the mud of Meaford. (They don't call it Mudford for nothing!) The sqn arrived in the rain, and then the weather got bad. After conducting a sqn defensive ex (not another rehearsal) and an offensive trace, A Sqn partook in the final 36 hr, RHQ-controlled exercise. It was a busy time, highlighted by the SSM's harbour clearing drills and some imaginative tactics by the OC on the final attack.

On return to Petawawa, preparations for the October gun camp began. A lot of training was needed to convert all the Leopard sharpshooters to Cougars. The results proved the effectiveness of this training, though, as the sqn shot very well. As well, it also proved that Cougars will move in Area 6 – most of the time, anyway.

The next event on the sqn calendar was Leliefontein. A Sqn won the Chain of Command race and the 440 m relay, and placed well in the pentathlon on the Regt. Sports Day. The crown of the sqn glory, however, was the all ranks dance. Take one tank hangar, approximately 30 years old; add some crepe paper, paint and bunting, stir in bags of sqn spirit and imagination, bake overnight, and you'll end up with a dance hall that will feed and entertain 1000 people for an evening.

The year ended with PCF courses, the mens XMas dinner and leave (for the first time in 17 years, everyone went on leave!)

With gunnery training, maintenance, operational equipment inspection, and last but not most important, the Ramshead Competition looming on the horizon, A Sqn was kept busy throughout 1987. The sqn is back in Canada and going strong, with new as well as old friends coming together. Best of luck. Good shooting A SQN.



*C/S 14C Commander's Inspection 1987
MCpl Visneskie, Cpl Duschesne, Tpr Klaus, Tpr Smith J.P.S.*



WO TJ O'Connor debriefing A Sqn, October, 1987. WO Hopkins, on left, cannot believe his ears.



*"... And I got this baby on a trade-in."
Cpl Terry Lepoidevin, Meaford 1987.*



MCpl Bob Serre prefers driving with his eyes closed

*Sgt Wayne Burke and Tprs Randy Cox
and Aurèle Gagnon prepare to
mount up.*



*The one in the yellow bikini, sir."
Major Geoff Hall and Captain Jim
Ferron discuss tgt identification.*

*Cpl Alain Belanger, Lahr, 1987. "MGs
mounted, dismounted, MGs mounted..."*





B Sqn



THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS

Front Row L-R: Lt Mitchell, Lt Reinprecht, Lt Angel, SSM Prendergast, Maj Hutchings, Capt Haindl, Lt Marshall, WO Wionzek, WO Brideau.

Second Row L-R: Sgt Lowerison, WO Valley, Sgt O'Mara, Cpl Racine, Tpr Gwiazda, MCpl Hartley, MCpl Eldridge, Tpr Rathwell, MCpl Coombes, Cpl Plante, Cpl Lessard, MCpl Rodrique, Tpr Mitton, Tpr Bailey, Sgt Stearns, Sgt McLellan, Sgt Tozer, Sgt Lovett, Sgt Guerin.

Third Row L-R: Tpr Jones, Tpr Boutilier, Tpr McGregor, Tpr Solimine, Tpr Joudrey, Tpr Huff, Cpl Woermke, Tpr Leblanc, Tpr Walker, Tpr Gillam, Tpr Feeney, Tpr Mills, Tpr Jinks, Tpr Ward, Cpl Abbott, Tpr Barlow, Tpr Crowe, Cpl Casselman, Cpl Martin, Tpr Bission, MCpl Farr, MCpl McAuley.

Back Row L-R: Tpr Stadnyk, MCpl Manny, Cpl Smith, Tpr Rose, Tpr Lachapelle, Tpr Lalonde, Tpr Stein, MCpl Bourgoin, Tpr Vizino, Cpl Doucette, Tpr Grimard, Tpr Bamberger, Tpr Vaillancourt, MCpl Hynds.

Missing: Capt Ward, Lt Derible, WO Lambert, Sgt Meredith, MCpl Billinger, MCpl Carberry, MCpl Connors, MCpl Lamer, MCpl Lavoie, MCpl Saltel, MCpl Wilmlink, Cpl Laporte, Tpr Messer, Cpl O'Neill, Tpr Primak



B Squadron

The year 1987 was indeed a busy one for big, bold B. Following a successful gun camp at Bergen Hohne in April, the squadron returned to Lahr to begin preparations for two exercises in May. Half of B Squadron, under the guidance of the OC Maj. Matt Macdonald, deployed to Sennelager in support of 1e R22eR and 2 PPCLI gun camps, while the other half, with the BC, Capt Paul Ward, supported Ex Snakebite with Recce Squadron. Adventure training in May saw the squadron deploy First Troop on bicycles to the Moselle River region, and Fourth Troop cycle the "Victory route" through Holland. Second and Third Troops hiked in the Chiemsee/Berchtesgarden area. The whole gang got back together in June, and the squadron bid farewell to Lahr, in true German fashion, on a Rhine River cruise.

In July, the squadron traded in its Leopards and Germany for Cougars and Petawawa, the home of the jump smock. The rotation saw vast changes to the squadron slate, but Capt Michael Ward, Lt Derible, MWO (SSM) Prendergast and Cpls Casselman and Martin remained to carry on the standards for the squadron. Maj Mark Hutchings assumed command in July from Maj Macdonald, who moved over to Recce Squadron. Also arriving in July were Capt Peter Haindl, the new BC, and Lts Harry Angel and Tim Marshall.

In August while most of the Regiment was still on leave, B Squadron was hard at work in Meaford assisting a Militia Squadron Commander course. For those rotating home from Germany, this was their first opportunity to experience the capabilities and limitations of the Cougar. Yes, Lt Angel, WO Wionzek and MCpl Hynds crossed that fine line between ultimate performance and suicide. Their dash and élan on a quick attack demo cost them countless bruises and their Cougars two broken struts and three shocks. One witness said it was spectacular, he had never seen a Cougar with all six wheels in the air at the same time. (And he never will again!) Meanwhile in Base Camp, Sgt Lovett was keeping the canteen well



B Sqn on parade in Eganville, November 1987.



B Sqn at Gun Camp, April 1987.

stocked (including fresh fish fillets) and the SQ, WO Brideau, was searching for a militiaman with a tent.

In September we lost Capt Ward to Staff College and Lt Derible to Gagetown for his advanced Gunnery Course. However, we gained the two Mikes: Lts Reinprecht and Mitchell. The new Lts immediately made their mark in the mess — right Ops O?; and how much does **who** weigh, Lt Reinprecht?

September was the month for FALLEX and the squadron's first opportunity to work together. Sgt "How fast was I going" McLellan and Third Troop started FALLEX by speeding past Capt Haindl to secure the strategic coffee shop in Collingwood. Luckily, the OC thought it was strategic too! Once in Meaford, the squadron shook-out in troop and then squadron work-ups. Here again the Meaford twilight zone sucked Sgt Guerin and Second Troop into the vortex leaving three vehicles stuck on ruts. Lt Harry "Kick-ass-Meaford" Angel found out that even the best can be totally lost. Fourth Troop's WO, "Who me?" Wionzek decided to add realism to the squadron's withdrawal trace by using his own radio as a jamming facility. Meanwhile, WO Lambert was able to pick his way through Sucker Creek by watching where the rest of First Troop was bogged. The Squadron's move to Borden was high-lighted by Lt Mitchell's and Sgt Tozer's novel changes to the assigned route. In Borden Third Troop won the Squadron's Sports Day by eliminating SHQ, ADM and Maint Troops in a dramatic volleyball game. The final squadron work ups in Borden saw many humorous O Groups, Lts with missing maps and others suffering bouts of narcolepsy. The highlight of the final test exercise was the critically acclaimed counterattack with the OC, Maj "Never do a frontal" Hutchings leading the troops on the final frontal charge.

Once back from FALLEX the squadron cleaned up and went on intense gunnery training for the upcoming gun camp in October. Overall the gun camp was very successful for B Squadron. During static shooting, the Squadron watched the CO forgetting to load his gun, and watched 2B do its smoke shoot on the Hesh Scale. After static shooting, the squadron moved on to battle runs and Third Troop had the best battle run in the Regiment.

Immediately after gun camp, the Squadron cleaned up and prepared for Leliefontein. SSM Prendergast with "volunteers" from the squadron ran a very successful Volksmarch and he assures us that the medals are in the mail.

The period after Leliefontein was devoted to PCF training. Again B Squadron personnel performed well, with Tprs Barlow, Bailey and Bamberger coming first on the Light Track, Driver FMC and Cougar Gunnery Courses respectively. The only course the squadron did not top was the B Squadron-run Cougar D & M Course. In conjunction with the D & M Course, the squadron had a very successful December Swim Camp. The success of the Swim Camp was in large part due to the team of mechanics led by Sgt O'Mara and MCpl Coombes who made the Cougars "water-proof". The squadron's affinity for cold December water was realized again when the squadron ran a decontamination exercise in 0° weather. Being hosed down in December is very refreshing indeed! Prior to standown or the IRU tasking, the squadron ran a Skill-at-Arms competition consisting of: Combat First Aid; AFV recognition and 7 point check. Again Third Troop won out, giving them a sweep of all activities to date.

Stay tuned: the 1988 Springbok has much in store for B Squadron. Winter warfare, the Regimental gun camp in February and most importantly Ram's Head. Big, bold B is looking forward to challenges and we are always ready to prove that B stands for the very Best!



The seasoned veterans reliving old war stories on Remembrance Day. Tpr Lalonde, Tpr Grimard, Tpr Barlow, Tpr McGregor, Tpr Gillam, and Tpr Huff.



Gun Camp 1987 — Lt. Doug Richardson, 8CH "OK, who's got the keys?" On the tank is Sgt Boutillier, Tpr Hutchings, Cpl Casselman, Tpr Setchell and Tpr Wilcox.



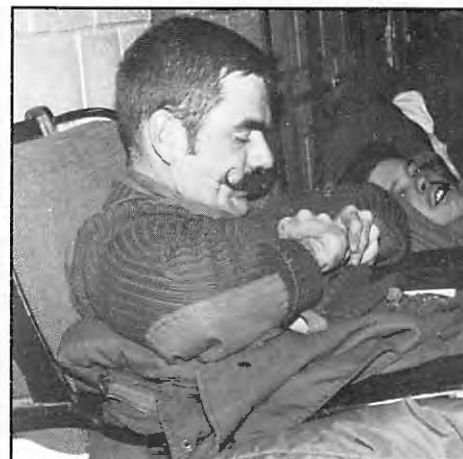
*Real tanks don't float they ford!
Swim camp Bergen Hohne
April 1987.*



*"Avast there, cast off, and make
sail". Major Hutchings, Sgt
Stearns and Cpl Abbott sailing
on the Ottawa River.*



Tpr Gwaizda watching 1 Troop pull together on sports day. WO Lambert, Lt Mitchell, Tpr Lachapelle, Tpr Leblanc, Sgt Tozer, MCpl Bourgojn, Cpl O'Neil, and Tpr Mitton.



MCpl Hynds contemplating life.

C Sqn Gagetown

Editor's note: Regrettably an article and photo from C Sqn was not available at the time of publication. So that this important part of the Regimental family not be left out, an edited version of the squadron article in the Dragoon Newsletter (Atlantic Region Chapter), written by MWO (SSM) J.J. Marshall, is included.

The squadron has been employed to the maximum during the past year. In addition to the activities on which I will comment, the squadron continued its commitment to CTC and the Armour School to support the TQ 6A and Ph III Armour course, which occupied us for the first four months of the year.

The training cycle concluded in August with the Sqn participating in Ex "COMMON GROUND" which is a combined arms exercise, involving the Officer Phase IV courses, from the Armour, Artillery, Infantry and Engineer Schools operating at the combat team level. This was followed closely with the squadron supplying the tanks and drivers to partake in the Officer Cadet Graduation Parade.

In order to have the necessary resources and personnel to conduct our own PCF courses, it was necessary to split the squadron leave period. Half went on leave in July and half in August during the normal block leave period. Those remaining behind conducted our own Leopard Driver and Gunner Courses. This enabled us to fill the many holes created by postings and releases.

Once all personnel had returned from leave and the course gun camp concluded, we once again displayed our flexibility and professionalism by providing a 50-man Guard of Honour for the Deputy Commander of SACUER, Gen Sir John Acres. The squadron quickly gave up their coveralls and wrenches for CF spit and polish and SMGs. The excellent showing received the praise of this distinguished guest.

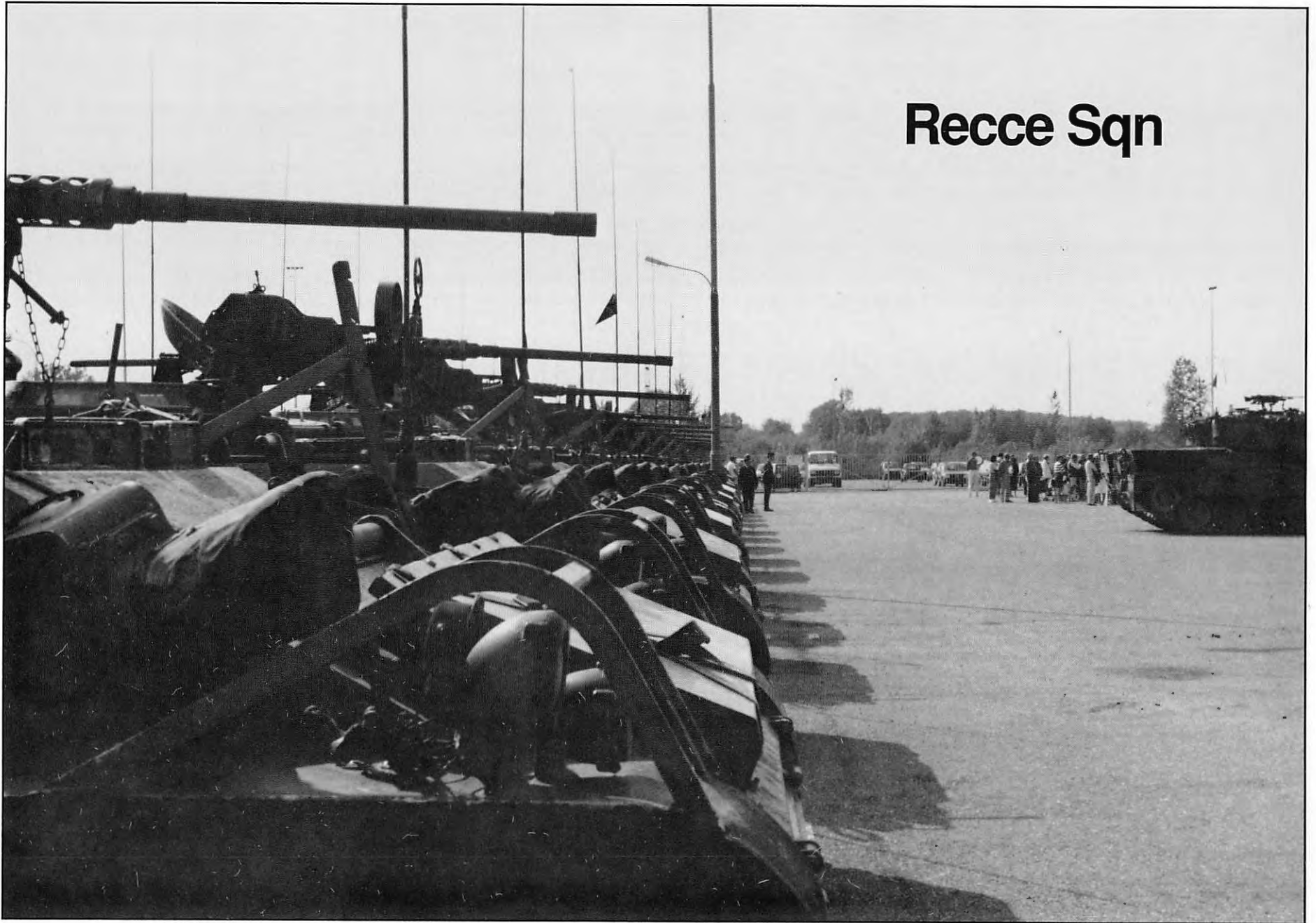
As we worked our way into October we commenced the Leliefontein celebrations with a Squadron Sports Day on 30 October. The final victor of this friendly competition was 1st Troop, under the watchful eye of WO Bob MacDougall. This festivity concluded with WO Bill Mulholland and Maintenance Troop cranking up Nellie (a Centurion ARV) and doing a tour of the compound, bringing a few tears to the eyes as he started popping the governors. As a reward for collecting the most cash in a fund-raising sledge hammer salute to an old clunker, Nellie and Maintenance Troop were allowed to run over the remainder. The remainder of the festivities were joint operations between the Association, the School and the squadron under the direction of CWO Leroy MacAdams.

The highlight of the year was when the squadron, as a whole, paraded with the Regiment in Petawawa for Leliefontein — this being the first opportunity for most of our younger soldiers to see and be with the Regiment. For the remainder of us it was a homecoming and a renewing of old acquaintances. The weekend was a fantastic success due to the yeoman efforts of those in the Regiment. This one visit has gone far to tighten the ties between C Squadron and the Regiment.

Commencing the Christmas season in the proper fashion, we ended the year and commenced the Xmas leave period with the Annual Men's Xmas Dinner. This particular Xmas dinner was special in that a second generation Dragoon was the honorary Commanding Officer, which indicates how old WO Bill Mulholland is getting. At home, is he addressed as "Dad", or "Warrant"?

In closing, I have observed since my return to "C Force", that the troops are working harder than ever and the equipment is — like all of us — getting on in years, but I am delighted to be a part of it all. Remember, work hard, play hard, and good shooting!

Recce Sqn





RECCE SQUADRON

Front row L-R: Tpr Paintednose, Cpl Christensen, Tpr Desroches, Cpl Hutchinson, Tpr Johnston, Tpr Jones, MCpl Edward, MCpl Gascon, Tpr Karpik, Tpr Buckle, MCpl Robitaille, Cpl Tremblay, Tpr Cameron, Tpr Boon, Cpl MacPherson, Cpl Meek, Tpr Bench.

Second row L-R: Sgt Desroches, Sgt Wiebe, Sgt Dymond, Sgt Schaap, Sgt Reid, Lt Follwell, Capt Maybee, Capt Natynczyk, Maj Macdonald, MWO Wonderham, WO Rousseau, Sgt Whitehall, WO Austin, WO Skelding, WO Gosse, WO Levesque, Sgt Clayfield, Sgt Hunt.

Third row L-R: Sgt Hauschildt, Cpl Dissman, Tpr Laird, Cpl Malcolm, Tpr Bradshaw, Tpr Lewington, Cpl Robbins, Tpr Miller DR, MCpl Berry, Tpr Fleming, Tpr Burns, Cpl Booth, MCpl Saunders, Tpr Brown GJ, Cpl Preston, Cpl Madigan, Cpl Otis, Tpr McKenzie, Cpl Crowdis, Tpr Mamye, Cpl Evans, Cpl Kelly, Tpr Palin.

Fourth row L-R: Tpr Stan, Cpl Brown, Tpr Kruger, MCpl Heppell, Tpr Clark, Tpr Zinck, Tpr Keeping, Cpl Ingebrigtsen, Tpr Forbes, Cpl Ryce, Tpr Train, Cpl Young, Tpr Batten, Cpl Livingston, Tpr Matheson, Tpr Sloan, Tpr Borkovic, Cpl Hart, Tpr Heissler, MCpl Dobbin, MCpl Kell, Cpl Lingley, Tpr Soltys, Tpr Miller GJ, Tpr Cairns.

RECCE SQUADRON

This past year has brought a number of changes to Recce Squadron, mainly as a result of the return of the Regiment to CFB Petawawa and its new position in the SSF. While a normal squadron handover resulted in a number of new faces, the changes created by Regimental rotation were far more extensive. The end result was two completely different Recce Squadrons: the 4 CMBG Recce Squadron of January to June and the Recce Squadron of the SSF.

Recce's last six months in Germany followed the usual pattern of Brigade Ski School, unit training and PCF courses. Unfortunately, those few squadron exercises which were planned, such as the swim camp in Hameln and Exercise SNAKEBITE, were cancelled because of the extremely wet weather. These cancellations, however, afforded the opportunity for the squadron to run its "Best in Recce" competition. The competition was designed to test the Recce skills of all the Crewman in the squadron. Tpr Bush was finally declared the overall winner, but everyone put forward a good effort, including the mechanics.

Gun Camp was the only other field training the squadron conducted during its last six months. The



Members of support troop put on an equipment display. Leliefontein 1987.

Annual Recce Gunnery Competition was held and 3rd Troop under Lt Follwell and WO Elvin walked away with the best crew (Cpl Tryhorn and Tpr Fancy), the best patrols (43A, 43B and 43C, 43D) and the best Troop.

After Regimental rotation, the squadron organized on the ground here in Petawawa under Major Macdonald and MWO Wonderham. This was a new Recce Squadron with very few old hands from Germany and a totally different role. As part of this new role, Maj Macdonald led 42 members of Recce Squadron through the Basic Parachutist Course in CABC Edmonton. By year end the squadron had over 70 qualified jumpers, 21 of whom were on operational jump status in 1st Troop.

In addition to the two light track courses, a Support Trooper Course and the Armoured Airborne Indoctrination Course, the squadron also ran a field exercise in the Beachburg area. After a ten day troop training period in the Petawawa training area, the Squadron moved to Beachburg where it conducted an exercise reminiscent of Germany. It was a new experience for many and despite reports of tanks speeding through Beachburg, the public was generally very helpful and understanding.

Although the squadron has gone through many changes this past year it has adapted extremely well to Canada and the SSF. The squadron has assumed the challenges of rotation and soldiering in the SSF with energy and skill. It now looks forward to the challenges that the Merrit Cup will provide.



Recce Sqn rolling by. Leliefontein 1987.

Have a Good One!



*MCpl Dallaire on the
roll past.*

*Cpl Crowdis,
Cpl Tremblay.
"RCD Sports Day".*



Lt. Follwell, awaiting his turn at the Mock tower.





Above — Tpr Zinck, Tpr Burns. Making final preparations before deploying.

Left — Maj Macdonald and MCpl McAvoy all set for their 1st jump with the Regiment.

Below — "Are you sure that jerry can will keep us afloat.?" Lt. Darrel Allin.



REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS



Maj. B.J. Forsyth presents the RHQ team the gold medal for the HQ Sqn Skill-at-arms competition. May, 1987.

RHQ — that highly disciplined, overworked and underpaid group of soldiers who are the brain of the RCD have completed yet another year in their long history of service to the Regiment.

The year started for RHQ as it does for everyone else, in a state of panic. With countless taskings, changing priorities and never enough people to do the work, RHQ guided the Regiment through a number of gun camps and exercises in 1987. Despite these obstacles, RHQ conducted its own refresher training, ATI and GOC preparations.

In particular Captain Haindl and WO Byrne were busy from April onward training C Squadron for CAT 87. Captain McKillip, Lt Wells and WO Topp were equally busy training the RHQ Recce Tp to become the RCD 87 Boeselager Team, which competed in NATO's top Recce competition held in May. The spring gun camp gave RHQ a break from the hectic pace of Lahrs. During the gun camp the Sig O was fortunate enough to star in his first stage show.

The summer months were a busy time for those posted to the Regiment's new home at CFB Petawawa. RHQ took possession of a very empty F-104, B-102 and IMR in July. The first month was spent trying to find desks to sit behind, paper to write on and vehicles to exercise with. Time was also spent on PMQ march-ins, lengthy line-ups at Building E-1 and the nightmare of trying to register your car.

In August the priority was to prepare for NOT-TAWASAGA RATTLER, which took place in September at Meaford. On exercise large quantities of the new regimental "whine" brought from Germany

were heard — "it was not like this in Germany". Despite all of this some very good refresher training took place in such areas as communications, codes, camouflage and concealment and the operation of RHQ as an extension of the CO.

EX SWIFT SABRE gave us a chance to exercise A and B Squadrons. This was done in two phases with A Squadron being first. Both phases started in Owen Sound with a deployment to the Meaford Peninsula to repel a naval assault by the Fantasian Army. While in Owen Sound, lunch for RHQ was provided by the RCD A&W representatives in the form of WO Hills and Sgt Heisler. The food may have been cold but the troop fund was healthy. EX SWIFT SABRE gave Master Corporals Taylor and Brown and Cpl Henningsen the opportunity to act as RHQ Recce for A Squadron. While on a night move they were witness to a cow becoming "bruised beef tips".

During our stay in Meaford we had a stranger among us. He strolled in from parts unknown, roaming around the bivouac site until he was spotted watering the trees behind the mess tent. He was quickly apprehended and placed in the kitchen to help Tpr Twaddle wash pots. Tpr Huckleberry was no dummy, and the troop quickly realized this man's tactical cunning and intellectual capabilities and made him an honorary member of the troop.

RHQ has been busy but we have had our fun and we look forward to many more years of continued service to the Regiment. To all those who have worked so hard so long in RHQ—thanks.

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON





Front row L-R: Tpr Spicer, Cpl Prentiss, Pte Hague, Cpl Warburton, Cpl Savoie AJ, Tpr McKinney, Cpl Scott, Cpl Ewart, Cpl Gaudet, Sgt Arvisais.

2nd row L-R: WO Cappello, MWO Ingram, Lt Cullen, Capt Smallwood, Capt Boddam, Capt Kitchen, MWO Riggs, Maj Moffat, Capt Nielsen, Capt Young, Capt Brough, Capt Patch, MWO Breton, Capt Bait, MWO Pouliot.

3rd Row L-R: WO Dion, MCpl Grady, Tpr Fischer, MCpl Pahl, MCpl Payne, Cpl Aumais, Pte Deschamp, MCpl Porter, Cpl Larabie, Pte Thompson, Cpl Yarrow, Tpr Ovens, Cpl Pierce, Tpr Puzianowski, Cpl Rattray, Cpl Wdowiak, Sgt Goodwin, Sgt Hollywood, WO Egan.

Rear Row L-R: Sgt Lawrence, WO Kuhn, Cpl Walters, Cpl Peats, Mcpl Serre, Cpl Graham, MCpl Labbe, Tpr Pieche, Pte Rees, Sgt Wiles, Pte Scribner, Tpr Cormier, Tpr Prentis, Cpl Bruining, MCpl Lamond, Cpl King, Tpr Roberts, Pte Pettigrew, Cpl Slater, MCpl Smith, MCpl Rozee, Pte Tripp, MCpl McNutt, Tpr Tasnadi, MCpl Houde, Cpl Beirnes, WO Pratt, Sgt Livingstone, MCpl Comeau.

HQ SQN

Despite what you may hear some people say, Headquarters Squadron provides the lifeblood to the rest of the Regiment. During its last six months in Europe and its first six months in Canada, Headquarters Squadron was intimately involved in all facets of Regimental life.

The OC, Maj B.J. Forsyth and the SSM, MWO Stu Ballard, heralded the sqn into the new year of 1987. The sqn succeeded in putting forth a fine showing for the Commander's Inspection, and ATI preparation was next on the agenda. Unlike the line sqns, Headquarters Sqn personnel were required not only to continue with normal operations, 1st line repairs, routine resupply, sack counting, and ordering portable toilets for future exercises, but also were required to prepare the largest fleet of vehicles and trailers in the Regiment. No easy task, you might say; you might also ask why the maintenance officer, Capt Kobylanski picked this time of the year to take a ski vacation. (Or what he did to get kicked out of the ski club after one of his famous parties . . .) But all's well that ends well, and the squadron finished in second place in the Regiment, proving that it was operationally effective for yet another year.

Between providing support for gun camps and



Maj BJ Forsyth and Col DM Dean, DArmd, inspecting HQ Sqn, Lahr, 1987.

the CAT and Boeselager competitions, HQ Sqn managed to squeeze in a Skill-at-Arms competition. MCpl Hynds and his section from Regt Tpt surprised all competitors by including firing of the new weapons as one of the stands. RHQ won the event, with Maintenance and Tpt finishing close behind. With OP SPRINGBOK CORONET looming close on the horizon, the squadron prepared its vehicles for handover, watched its POL compound get blown up, and returned to Canada.

Maj. Moffat and MWO Riggs took over HQ Sqn in July in Petawawa as it prepared for operations in Canada. The first major exercise was NOT-TAWASAGA RATTLER. When operations began, it was quickly realized that "It was not like this in Germany!", and some serious questions were raised.

Some of these questions were:

Q — What do SSM Riggs and a skunk have in common?

A — The same tent.

Q — What were Maj Moffat and Sig Pegelo doing climbing up the radio antennae during a thunderstorm?

A — I give up. What were Maj Moffat and Sig Pegelo . . .

Q — Why do they call Tpr Roberts "THE BAT" and what was he doing hanging upside down from the back of his truck?

Q — Where did Cpl Aumais get a second jeep trailer?

(Some people in Meaford would be interested to hear this).

And the list goes on.

Hot on the heels of Nottawasaga Rattler came the preparations for the Leliefontein celebrations. Amidst the clamour of post-exercise cleaning and



MCpl Labbé and Sgt Savoie (with berets) supervise a cas evac exercise on Ex Orphic Quest, October 1987.



HQ Sqn on parade. May, 1987.

maintenance came the cry for soldiers to make ready for the crowds soon to come. Staff cars had to be drawn, tentage erected, facilities booked, plans made and remade, hangars to clean, sports teams to train, and so on. Although many people from all over the Regiment were responsible for the success of Leliefontein, credit is due to WO Dion and his staff of cooks for the hours of hard work spent in preparation for the events. A high demand was placed upon Capt Bait, MWO Pouliot and the QM staff to provide the necessary resources for all the events. Maintenance Troop succeeded, somehow, in ensuring every fighting vehicle was up and rolling on parade day (no small feat considering the time available for crew maintenance).

As Leliefontein Week wound to a close, and Headquarters Squadron began supporting gun camps, driving courses, refresher training and the myriad of other projects in which it was involved, it became apparent that the year's end would be as busy as any other time of the year. Vehicles and personnel were allocated to form the Vanguard Company of the Base IRU contingent, which would last up until New Year's Day. For Headquarters Squadron, 1987 was a year of success. From supporting field training, to winning at sports, to trying to prevent a .33 ϕ "heli-coil" spring from causing the unit to grind to a halt, it was evident that Headquarters Squadron continued to maintain its normal high standard of performance.



HQ Sqn tug-of-war team on its way to victory. Leliefontein, 1987.



*"And you think this is tough!, Well,
in the navy . . ."
Sgt Savoie, Ex Orphic Quest
IV, October, 1987.*



*"I'm the 2 IC, and you **must** take me seriously."
Cpts Nielsen, Kitchen, Bait (QM), and Lt
Young. Nottawasaga Rattler, 1987.*



*"Beats me how this thing ran this long."
Cpls Prentiss and Lorimer. Meaford, 1987.*



*MCpl Kearney demonstrating cat sanitation.
Somewhere in Germany, 1987. (Note "reading"
material in the right hand.)*

AFFILIATED RESERVE UNITS

The Governor General's Horse Guards



*"Are my glasses not trendy enough for you, Mr. Brown?"
Capt Waite and OCdt Brown discuss tactics during
Exercise Royal Sabre Tache, 1987. Photo by 2Lt Thériault*

The Regiment started 1987 with the usual headaches related to the audits of the Regimental Messes and Institutes. None of the Messes were closed although threats flew through the air. February brought the Staff Inspection and we suffered through hearing the phrase "Hi, I'm from the HQ, here to help you", time and time again. March brought Gun Camp in Meaford. Meaford is situated on Georgian Bay with the range safety template extending out over the water. March in Meaford is cold, often below freezing with lots of snow. Gun Camp passed rather uneventfully except that several of the officers stayed in the Mess until first light, upholding the honour of the Regiment. The first round down range in the morning was an eye opener for them.

The Regiment did not attend a camp in the summer, as Individual courses were a priority in preparation for RV 87.

September brought the unit back together after August vacations and training began anew. Autumn saw a number of local district exercises. Remembrance Day in November brought back memories of QDGs marching in the Regimental Church Parade.

The Honorary Colonel, The Governor General of Canada, attended a luncheon with the Officers, RSM and Sergeants-Major at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in late November. This proved to be a well enjoyed and lengthy affair.

December came and with it the Christmas Season. The Men's Christmas Dinner went without a hitch due to the "Maitre 'D'" lessons by OC HQ Sqn. The Officer/Senior NCO Christmas Party was hosted by the Sergeants Mess and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Children's Christmas Party was hosted by the Officers' Mess. Kids, it seems, have come back into fashion. Twelve years ago it was difficult having a party for four or five children. Close to thirty attended this year.

The Band had an active year playing some 35 engagements. Tattoo 87, a massed bands concert, was held in the spring and the Regimental Band played a prominent part in it. Our search for a new Director of Music was fruitful, and the successful candidate brings with him a considerable amount of knowledge and experience. They were good before and are even better now.

During the summer, the Cavalry Squadron put on a Musical Ride. In November a Mounted Escort was provided for the Governor General at the Royal Winter Fair.

The New Year will bring the Regiment challenges and changes. We will be providing assistance to the Loblaws Classic, a major horse show in Eastern Canada in June. In September there will be a Change of Command. However, more of this next year.



"Slow advance." A GGHG Cougar prepares to tow a bogged Illis during Exercise Royal Sabre Tache. Photo by 2Lt Thériault

1st Hussars

Once again it is time to put pen to paper and recall some of the Regiment's accomplishments over the last year. It is common consensus in London, Ontario, (including our HQs) that 1987 was truly a successful year for the 1st Hussars. The Hussars trained hard and played hard – the basic ingredients for success.

The training program was intense, beginning in the winter months with two recruit courses, Cougar gunnery training and the ubiquitous Junior Leaders courses. In March, the Regiment, or rather the operational squadron, moved to the Meaford ranges to conduct open range practices. The 'Pad' was very well run by the Squadron Battle Captain, Andrew Van Veen, and his band of NCO Gunnery instructors. Both the new Cougar gunners and the old sweats (the eighteen year olds!) learned a great deal – over 800 rounds of 76mm HESH and 45,000 rounds of CO-AX were fired. In addition, the Guns and a local infantry unit provided excellent illumination with 105 mm gun and 81mm mortar respectively.

While the Operational Sqn was busy in the field during the spring, RHQ and the Training Sqn were engaged in conducting two national courses. Major Ted Fahlgren, OC Training Sqn, conducted a successful Junior Officer course and Capt Thomas Putt, the Regular Force Advisor, ran the reserve Tank Crew Commanders course for Master Corporals. Both courses had students from all six of Ontario's Armoured Regiments in attendance.

On the June D-Day parade, the Hussars conducted a change of RSM, from CWO Mike Steele to CWO Scott Johnstone, who was SSM of the OP sqn. CWO Steele will be greatly missed for his dignified manner and 'no nonsense' approach to work.

Moving into the summer the training was heavy as usual but the Hussars made the most of the many important courses. The two highlights of the summer



The 1st Hussars Field Sqn conducts maintenance prior to moving out.



WO Leroy Slaght, RSS 1H, is congratulated on his promotion by LCol WL Claggett, CO 1H.

came from our new regular force regiment, The Royal Canadian Dragoons, who replaced the 8th Canadian Hussars in Petawawa, Ontario. The Dragoons, although very busy getting settled into Canada allotted the 1st Hussars a large number of vacancies on a Cougar Gunnery course. This gracious act put the Hussars a full year ahead in trades training. Again, thank you Dragoons. The other highlight was the reserve Combat Team Commanders course which was heavily supported by The Royal Canadian Dragoons and a mechanized company of The Royal Canadian Regiment. The Hussars provided a troop to the Dragoon Cougar sqn and individuals for the command post, echelons etc.

The Combat Team Commanders course was of a high standard and the Hussar troop had its eyes opened. Ask the troop leader what happens when you are late for orders! Although not regular force, our boys gave a good showing under the watchful eye of the Regular Force Sqn Commander. The troop was only punished once, spending a full day in the fire base after becoming somewhat over-zealous in a quick attack. (It's not our fault the professionals always go for the objective when a baggage train is only 1000 meters further on!)

The major highlight of the fall period has been the acquisition of an indoor laser range for Cougar gunnery training. This building will hold three Cougars side by side and will shortly boast a range of electrically controlled movers and pop-up targets for gunners to practice on. The Hussars are proud to be the first reserve unit in Canada to get such a range.

Once again it is safe to say that the 1st Hussars have enjoyed the year of 1987 and move into 1988 with their tails up. The Commanding Officer, LCol W.L. Claggett, CD promised to take this unit back to the field; this he did. LCol Claggett will step down in June 1988 and will take over as the Commander for London Militia District. The current DCO, Major Chris Judd, will take command of the Hussars in June and is already planning more exercises. (Operations Officer, Chris Thompson, can hardly wait!)

The Queen's York Rangers (1st Americans)

WHO WERE THOSE GUYS IN THOSE JEEPS?

0700 hrs 26 Sep. 87, a cool wind blows across Blackdown Park as soldiers of the Queen's York Rangers file through a field kitchen of the RCD. For many, it was the first field kitchen they had ever seen.

"How can you tell the militia guys?" asked a Reg force trooper.

"Simple, said a Cpl, "They're the guys with the short hair."

Thus began a two day attachment for a 16 man Ranger recce troop to B Sqn of the RCD. Over the next 36 hrs they would be tasked with clearing routes, securing harbours, establishing OP's, occupying a hasty screen and picketing enemy elements

intruding from the north. It was the first time in years where our recce vehicles were actually followed by real troops instead of by DS umpires with their headlights on. As well, years of listening to those other armoured militia units badmouth the Cougar were forgotten as the Cougars roared past, our Ilitis hopelessly slowed by the difficult Meaford terrain.

All in all, the training was an excellent experience for the Rangers and was greatly appreciated by everyone involved. It gave us our first glimpse of our op-tasked unit and perhaps gave them an introductory glimpse of the militia. The war stories which have circulated since have made the rest of the Rangers envious of the "RCD Combat Team Ex" veterans so that we're all looking forward to attending future exercises whenever possible.

Windsor Regiment

1987 was a good year for the Windsor Regiment. In addition to the routine gun camps, training exercises and numerous personal achievements and promotions of individual members, the regiment, under the watchful eyes of the CO, LCol Halfper, 21C Major G.B. Walker and the unit support officer, Capt R.E. Kingsbury (8CH), was able to bring the Cumberland Trophy back to the unit and place it in the position of honour that it occupied in 1980 and 1981. The Cumberland Trophy is awarded to the best militia Armd unit in CMA. This year the regiment went from 17 out of 18 regiments in Canada to 2nd place.

The past training year at the regiment had a number of significant high points. Our gunnery course graduated 10 new gunners mainly due to the efforts of newly promoted WO V.J. Chiasson, an old-hand at gunnery. Of course, gunnery wasn't the only course offered at the Windsor Regiment. The winter GMT presented the regiment with an additional ten worthy hands to salute the Guidon. In addition to the GMT, TQ1 and TQ2 courses provided younger unit members with summer employment. Furthermore, two officers were able to take the combat team commanders course offered in August at Meaford, Ontario, and the Windsor Regiment was well represented. The myriad of courses completed this year

combined with the success of our recruiting drive (23 new candidates) has brought the regimental strength up to 114 all ranks.

The Windsor Regiment also had two exercises at Grayling, Michigan in 1987. The officers and NCOs of the regt took part in a tactical exercise without troops which led to a major CBT TM EX in mid-Oct for which the Windsors provided an armoured squadron. Using Grayline provided the Windsors with new and challenging terrain for training.

In the last year the Windsor Regiment has undergone a change of faces in key positions. With LCol A.R. Halfper at the helm, training has been stepped up and a variety of different exercises have been planned. One such example of the challenges that face the regiment is a weekend escape and evasion exercise in Essex County that will involve A Sqn of The Royal Canadian Dragoons. Rest assured that the WR's will provide the Dragoons with ample opposition throughout the exercise. The WR's, under the leadership of OC "A" squadron, Major A.J. Langlois (the latest member on the Windsor Regiment promotion parade) are looking forward to more opportunities to train with the regular force.

Semper Paratus



BOESELAGER 87

Testing the toughest

The Royal Canadian Dragoons stood up to the test of the toughest as they placed third in the annual Boeselager competition held in West Germany in May 1987.

Boeselager is an international military competition hosted by the German army to pit the skills of 23 armoured reconnaissance teams from 11 nations against each other. First and second place this year were taken by the two American teams.

The competition consisted of two classes. The first was made up of 10 "Bundeswehr" (German armed forces) teams, the second of 13 NATO guest teams. And although all 23 games competed against each other for points in all events, trophies were awarded to the top three teams in each class.

Teams consisted of a reconnaissance patrol of eight men and two vehicles, except for the patrol event in which each team used the national complement of men for each country's vehicle. The RCD selected their team last November and by December were training in earnest with units from the American and German armies.

Tight moments and individual triumphs made each of the eight events a tough test of ability. For instance, the night orientation march – the second most important event in the competition – got off to a bad start when a two and a half hour delay early in the game put the RCD team well behind. However, by the third checkpoint they had caught up and were back in the race. They covered the route between the fifth and sixth checkpoints – during which they followed signs marked with Soviet map symbols – in half the time of any other team. This 20 kilometre, 10 station march was a struggle from point to point, often without a map or compass. Military related tasks – ranging from enemy armoured fighting vehicle recognition to water crossing – were performed at five checkpoints.

The armoured recce patrol – the only event scheduled for the third day – was the most important. The winner of the event stood a good chance of winning the overall competition. The RCD patrol covered



The RCD 1987 BOESELAGER TEAM proudly displaying their new C7 rifles. Front row (L-R): Lt Wells, Cpl Malczynski, Tpr Birch, Cpl Olsen, Tpr Johnson, Tpr Penny. Centre Row (L-R): Cpl Baril, Capt McKillip, Cpl Emery, Cpl Lefort, Tpr Thibault. Rear Row (L-R): Cpl McAvoy, MCpl Van Tilburg, Cpl Allinson, Tpr Fleming, Tpr Lingley. Absent: WO Topp.

the 30 kilometre route in the required three and a half hours through enemy held territory, using German recce tactics. Although Lt Perry Wells was 'killed', the team finished third in the guest class and eighth overall.

The cross-country run on the last day was the final and most gruelling event. Several senior Canadian officers were on hand to offer moral support, along with a cheering section of wives and other fans.

The 3.5 kilometre cross-country course included grenade throwing, water and barbed wire obstacles, and a two metre wall. When the last Canadian crossed the finish line, the team turned in a time which was 38 seconds faster than any other team. When the bonus points for successful grenade throwing were counted, the RCD stood first in the guest class and second overall.

When the scores were finally tallied for the eight events, the RCD took home the third place award in the guest class and a trophy for their second place finish in the cross-country run. They stood seventh among all 23 competitors. It was a long way for us from 1986, when the Canadian team stood last. The commander of 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group also presented each team member with a commendation.

The other events in the competition were skilled armoured fighting vehicle driving, a 60 kilometre, 80 minute helicopter route recce, tactical swimming with wet suits and German float packs, small arms firing, and WP AFV and uniform and map symbol identification. Team members were Lt Perry Wells, MCpl Bob Van Tilburg, Cpl James McAvoy, Cpl Kris Malczynski, Cpl Ray Baril, Tpr Brent Lingley, Cpl Gerry Olsen, and Tpr Ashley Fleming.

Cpl Baril and Cpl Olsen preparing to throw grenades at the first grenade obstacle.



MCpl Van Tilburg at the finish line.

The first obstacle in the cross country run.

Left Log: Lt Wells, Cpl Olsen, Tpr Lingley, Cpl McAvoy.

Right Log: MCpl Vantilburg, Cpl Baril, Tpr Fleming, Cpl Malczynski.



RSM Change of Appointment

19 June 87



CWO (RSM) RJ Lynk receives the RSM's pace stick from the CO, LCol RG Meating.



The outgoing RSM, CWO GE Martin, signs the Change of Appointment Scroll.



The CO, LCol RG Meating signs the Change of Appointment Scroll in the presence of the old and new RSMs and the Regt 2IC, Major HW Mohr.

CENTAG wins 1987 CAT competition

By Frank Kohler

GRAFENWOHR, 19 June — Gen Leopold Chalupa, commander-in-chief Allied Forces Central Europe, this afternoon declared Central Army Group the 1987 winner of the 15th Canadian Army Trophy tank gunnery competition.

The CENTAG team comprised The Royal Canadian Dragoons, Panzerbataillon 124, Panzerbataillon 363, the (US) 4/8 Armored Cavalry Battalion and the 3/64 Armored Battalion. The CENTAG team scored a total of 216 442 points.

Northern Army Group was not far behind with 195 727 points. The NORTHAG team comprised the Belgian 4e Regiment Lansiers, Panzerbataillon 324, 43 (NL) Tankbataljon, The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales' Own) and the (US) 2/66 Armored Battalion.

NORTHAG, with only one really good score by the 43 (NL) Tankbataljon, earned Monday, had trailed in the competition from the outset. On Wednesday, starting with the 2 Troop RCD run, CENTAG moved decisively ahead with scores of 18 000-plus until the end of the competition. The final run on Friday by 1 Platoon, A Company, 4/8 Armored Cavalry, earned 20 490 points, the most by any platoon. Next best was the run Thursday by a platoon of Panzerbataillon 124 which scored 19 690. Both platoons got 32 out of 32 main gun targets, the only ones to do so.

In a ceremony before several thousand competitors, support staff and spectators, Gen Chalupa presented the main trophy to the captain of the winning team.

The trophy is a silver replica of the Centurion tank which saw service in the Canadian Forces until 1977. The trophy was donated by Canada when the competition was initiated in 1963.

Until 1983 the competitions were held between national teams and during this period Canada won the trophy only twice: in 1967 the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) came first and ten years later The Royal Canadian Dragoons took the top place.

In 1983 the format was changed so that multinational teams from NORTHAG and CENTAG competed with each other. «For the first time in their lives (young soldiers) realize that they are part of an international military organization», said Gen Dr. Ferdinand von Senger und Etterlin, the then AFCENT commander-in-chief.

CENTAG won in 1983, NORTHAG in 1985. This year's scores of 216 442 and 195 727 are the highest achieved by any team in the last three competitions, indicative of a higher standard of gunnery throughout the Central Region.



RCD CS 2B approaches stand one to begin its battle run in last week's Canadian Army Trophy competition at Grafenwohr.



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THE COMPETITION WITHIN THE COMPETITION

By Frank Kohler

Leopard II — the best CAT cat?

The competition within the Canadian Army Trophy competition was between the tanks with which the various teams were equipped:

- THE M1 ABRAMS, used by all U.S. Army participants, is the latest in the U.S. armored arsenal, although the M1 is not the latest model. It has a crew of four, as did all the tanks in this competition, a 105mm main gun, a 7.62mm co-axial machine-gun, and a 7.62mm MG for the loader as well as a .50 calibre MG for the crew commander which were not used in this competition.
- THE CHALLENGER, the latest British tank, mounts a 120mm main gun and has 7.62 co-axial and commander's MGs.
- THE LEOPARD II also has a 120mm main gun and a co-axial 7.62 MG as well as a 7.62 anti-aircraft MG for the commander. It was used by the 43 (NL) Tankbataljon, and by German Panzerbataillon 124 and 363.

— THE LEOPARD I, with various modifications, was used by Panzerbataillon 324, the Belgian 4e Regiment Lansiers and The Royal Canadian Dragoons. It mounts a 105mm main gun and has a co-axial 7.62 MG as well as a 7.62 for the commander.

The Leopard I was the only competition tank which was not equipped with a thermal observation and gunnery sight. This would have been a decisive disadvantage for the Leo I's but for the wet weather which kept the dust down and the presence of decoy targets on the range which made it imprudent to lay on any target before its appearance.

In the event, the troops with the Leopard II had the highest average score, 18 017. The runner-up was the Abrams M1 with an average troop score of 17 730. Next came the Leopard I, with an average of 17 042, and in last place the Challenger, with 14 079 points.

Among the Leopard I's, the RCD C1 was on top with 17 609 points. Next came the Belgian 1A1 with 16 958 and finally the basic Leo with 16 558 points.

Make of it what you will. There are probably many more ways of arranging the statistics to prove one thing or another. But to me the scores prove that good gunners and competent crews can make up for a lack of sophisticated equipment. The RCD crewed Leopards outperformed the Challenger by 3 529 points and were only 407 and 120 points respectively behind the Leopard II and Abrams 1 average troop scores. That's good shooting!

More targets but the same number of rounds...

By Frank Kohler

The best RCD score in previous Canadian Army Trophy competitions has been 18 targets, out of a possible of 24. In this year's CAT the number of targets was increased from 24 to 32, but the number of rounds remained the same. So any hope of a better score was going to depend on a much higher standard of gunnery. Computer-controlled targets added to the gunner's difficulty; no longer was it possible to outsmart the targets by determining when and where they would appear.

On the other hand, this year's targets were larger; 2.3 metres square compared to the previous size of 1.9 square metres.

A successful troop engagement depends on clear fire control orders and a rapid and accurate response by the gunner. Each troop was required to engage up to 32 main armament targets and 80 falling-plate machine-gun targets. A main gun target was considered to have been successfully engaged if it had at least one hit; falling-plate targets had to be knocked down. Each tank carried 10 rounds of main armament ammunition and 250 rounds of machine-gun ammunition.

A theoretical maximum — very theoretical — of 22 600 points could be scored by each troop based upon the number of targets destroyed, and the amount of ammunition and time used for the engagements:

- HIT SCORE possible was 10 000 (32 targets x 312.5 points per target.)
 - TIME SCORE possible was 8 500 points. To achieve this a troop would have to hit all targets in an average time of three seconds or less.
 - HIT BONUS SCORE: 500 points for a troop that hit all 32 main gun targets.
 - AMMUNITION BONUS SCORE: 200 points for each round of main gun ammunition remaining provided all 32 targets had been hit. The possible was 1 600 (200 points x eight rounds).
 - MACHINE-GUN SCORE: 2 000 points (25 points x 80 plates).
- The Royal Hussars, with only three tanks per troop, had fewer targets to engage (24 main gun targets) and so their scores were worked out as percentages.



AN ABRAMS M1 engages a main gun target as the platoon begins its battle run during the Canadian Army Trophy competition last week at Grafenwohr.

CAT '87



C Sqn RCD — The RCD CAT Team 1987.

1987 was to be the last year for several for The Royal Canadian Dragoons to have another "Kick at the CAT", the Canadian Army Trophy (CAT) competition. Across the entire regiment there was a burning, deep-seated desire to erase the bitter memories of CAT 85 and to prove to Dragoons, to the Armoured Corps, to Central Army Group and to other CAT competitors that Canadian tankers with the first generation Leopard C1 were as good as any. After wins in 1967 and 1977, history seemed to favour a very strong showing by The RCD in CAT 87.

Before going further, a description of the competition and the changes in place for CAT 87 is in order, as there have been many changes to which the Canadian tanker community is not aware. The Canadian Army Trophy is now a competition of Army Group against Army Group under the aegis of Allied Forces Central Region (AFCENT), headquartered in Brunssum, Holland. This change occurred first in CAT 83 to permit competition between composite teams of the most modern tanks and earlier less sophisticated tanks from Northern Army Group (NORTHAG) and Central Army Group (CENTAG). As the M1 Abrams, Leopard II and Challenger arrived on the scene and entered the contest in greater numbers, it seemed highly unlikely that first generation tanks (Leopard 1s, Chieftans, M60s) could be considered serious contenders even with the best trained crews. By changing format, it was also intended that the field service technicians of Krauss Mafei, General Dynamics and other corporations would be less inclined to train and fine tune competition tanks for very few competitors. Other major changes introduced for CAT 87 included more targets to be engaged by the troop with the same ammo load of previous competitions; 32 main armament targets with 40 main armament rounds in the troop compared with 24 targets with 40 rounds of

85, 83, 81 and earlier. Target arrays were also significantly changed to present more complex problems for the competing troops. Up to eight targets could and were presented in any one array with or without delays. In CAT 87 for example, one troop was presented five targets initially and while dealing with those a further three were added at the 20 second point. Because hit indicators were still not available, delayed arrays were difficult in determining what had been shot at and hit. The other troop saw all eight targets appear simultaneously with the time clock starting on all at the same time – a factor which contributed to lower speed scores for some competing troops. Another major change for CAT 87 was the elimination of puffs to indicate targets up.

So CAT 87 was to be CENTAG (composed of 6 troops of Abrams, 4 troops Leopard II and 2 troops RCD Leopard 1) versus NORTHAG (composed of 3 troops Challengers, 3 troops Abrams, 4 troops Leopard 1 and 2 troops Leopard 2). Either COMCENTAG or COMNORTHAG was to be the winner; in 83 it was CENTAG and in 85 it was NORTHAG.

Back to The RCD and CAT 87. Training for CAT 87 began in all three tank sqns before Christmas when the CO ("the Grinch who nearly stole Christmas"), through the kind help of the American Grafenwohr staff, received a priority booking in Graf 19 - 26 December. Because the ranges were put out of bounds to competing units from 1 Jan 87 until the day of the competition in Jun 87, we left Lahr 17 Dec and returned by noon 24 Dec. We all got to see and shoot on Ranges 117 and 301 (one of which was to be developed as the CAT range) under miserable weather conditions (blizzards and snow covered targets). It was very worthwhile if for no other reasons than getting our minds set toward gunnery again and WO Clark's carollers carolling on bound one on 23 Dec.

AFCENT on 1 Jan 87. Those in the squadrons on that date would represent Canada come hell or high water. Each OC was mandated under the CO and RGO to get on with preparing for a random selection on 1 Apr: plan, talk, train, organize, teach, test and train again. Garrison training was punctuated by open range firing with the gunnery officer counting bullets, because for CAT 87 the rules limited very strictly the number of main armament training rounds at 134 per gunner between 1 Jan 87 and 14 Jun 87. (As a result many of our open range practices were dry, dry/coax, coax/telafare or coax/main armament and seldom did we get full CAT loads to train with).

During the last week of February, all 59 tanks and crews of A, B and C Sqns went to Bergen to commission zero all tanks with the new RCAC zeroing procedures. A very successful effort, every crew member and most importantly the gunners, came away from Bergen confident that the gun would shoot where aimed and that all that had to be removed for a successful war or CAT were their own personal biases or errors. Back to Lahr and the month of March was spent on the IMR, with the talafit, in the classroom developing SOPs and thinking gunnery. All three squadrons were ready and wanted to be selected the CAT 87 squadron. On 31 March we were in Bergen Hohne for the Regimental Gun Camp 1987 and were waiting for CINCENT's random draw. In fact the draw was made a day early and at 1400 hrs 31 March the CO told OC C Sqn, Maj Hillier, to get on with it. The



"Target . . . Target . . . Target." Bound 2, Range 301 in Grafenwöhr, CAT '87.

other squadrons, down in the mouth but with full support for C Sqn, immediately transitioned for the conduct of a continuation gun camp. OC C set about firing all of his troops to determine which two troops would be selected to continue training to compete in CAT. By 7 Apr, the 16 crews had become 10 (two troops of four with spare fifth crews and tanks). The spares were deemed necessary to cater to illness, death, uncooperative tank, etc. The remaining members of squadron set about working for Capt Waters as the CAT support team – an invaluable group who spotted, swamped, timed, maintained, pot walloped, drove, etc.

During the gun camp 1 – 10 Apr we wondered if CAT could indeed ever turn into a successful venture for C Sqn. The tanks all seemed possessed by very mischievous Leopard gremlins: MCpl Speck's tank had turret fires on two battle runs; Sgt Saunders' tank fire suppression system shorted out and fired on its own; WO Albright's complete Fire Control System was plagued by every bug imaginable; and Lt Angel's tank went rapid fire when the loader's safety switch malfunctioned. The most popular guys in Bergen were the C Sqn Mechs. WOs Gabriel and George, Sgts Comeau and Leroux and their highly trained crew of FCS/Wpns/Veh Techs exorcized all manners of demons. They were perfect and when the tanks shot CAT, not one suffered a gunnery or mechanical malfunction. C Sqn returned home to Lahr on 10 Apr to the waiting arms of two Olympic program Sports Psychologists, Drs Terry Orlick and John Partington and their memorable side kick Nadine. They introduced us to new concepts of mental imagery, focussing and relaxation techniques. The Psych training and mental preparation significantly reduced team and individual stress during CAT.

On Easter Monday the CAT Sqn unloaded the tank trains in Bergen to conduct dry, coax, coax/telafare and full live battle runs on Range 11. Not a great range, it was all we could get and in fact the Canadians improved it as General Lalonde ordered 4 CER to grade the runs for the last two days. The stab system was completely neutralized by holes that swallowed tanks. From Bergen the sqn moved directly



C/S CAT 1, commanded by Lt Harry Angel, rolls up on bound 1 during CAT '87.



General Leopold Chalupa, the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Central Europe, congratulates members of C Sqn on a job well done. Shown are Tpr Miller, MCpl Coté, WO Beaton, Tpr Laurson, Tpr Payne, Cpl Duffney, MCpl Jaerling, and MCpl McGean.

to Grafenwöhr for a COMCENTAG competition on Range 117. (Range 301 had been selected on 1 Apr as the CAT 87 range and was out of bounds to us). Known as "Kitty Kat I", teams from V and VII (US) Corps, II (GE) Corps and 4 CMBG (The RCD) competed. It was intended to give COMCENTAG an indication of where the Army Group's preparations were at that time. The Yanks were the announced winners in a very close contest where eyeballs counted holes from a distance as opposed to the actual hole count of CAT. The RCD shocked all the M1 and Leopard II crews by hitting only one target less than the winning troop (the top M1 troop hit 26 of 28 targets; we hit 25 of 28). Several troops learned from our attack plan of dealing with multiple target arrays and realized that we were not going to let down CENTAG in 87. On 29 Apr we returned to Lahr yet again to press on with the final six weeks of preparation.

By 6 May we were back in Hohne to fine tune and resolve battle run weaknesses that had been noted at Kitty Kat I. So we again concentrated on shooting on the move and at movers. We were assigned range 11 for seven days but thought that perhaps the Brit CAT team on Range 9 would permit us a run or two. Our hopes were dashed and we pressed on with what we had. One gunner, Cpl (I need a coffee) Ward set the standard by hitting a turret size target at 1800 meters on the move. On the way to Lahr 13 May we stopped the tank train at Gelnhausen north of Frankfurt to use the UCFT M1 simulator and the MILES (fitted to our Leopard) FMR of one of the V (US) Corps CAT teams. Our shooting ability again was good but it did not impress the US RSM as much as did our banner over their barracks – "C Sqn RCD wins CAT".

After the weekend of 16/17 May in Lahr and the farewell to Lahr celebrations regimentally, we trucked and railed off yet again to another training site. This

time the CO and OC had entered us in COMCENTAG's second Kitty Kat from 23 – 27 May. This time V (US), VII (US), 1 (BR) Corps and 4 CMBG were represented. The British challenge was identified and the Americans established a debt which the Brits will have to repay before CAT 89. The competition was intense and under similar conditions we would experience in CAT. Immediately after Kitty Kat II the CO and OC had sweet talked us onto the Grafenwöhr SIMNET trainer for approximately six runs per troop. SIMNET is the newest and best simulator system in the US inventory now; it permitted complete crew involvement (in their own stations) within the troop battle run scenario. Bravo could see troop leader, Alpha and Charlie through vision blocks and the terrain to the front with targets, features etc was highly accurate. The system allowed troops to practice SOPs so that any one target was not 'over killed'. Accuracy in hitting the targets with the simulated system was not important; dealing with all targets presented was. The two days on SIMNET represented the final element if the sqn's preparations for CAT 87. We were as ready as we'd ever be.

On 4 Jun 87, The RCD CAT 87 Sqn made its final trip to Grafenwöhr. CENTAG arrived two days earlier than NORTHAG to permit each team one half day on a battle run (Range 117 again). Our final battle run was closely monitored by coach and mech alike and fine tuning was completed. By night the Fest tent of CENTAG (as host Army Group) was a very popular place to trade badges and tank stories – the Daytona Beach of tank gunnery. Never a dull minute in the tent, we wondered how the acrobats climbing the ceiling to raise flags or the heavy beer drinkers were ever going to compete. We learned however that others had brought party animals (who had no intention of shooting) to subvert the efforts of others who would

compete. Major Hillier and the CO ensured their team would not be tempted. To get away from the temptations, distractions and entertainment in Grafenwöhr, Commander 4 CMBG sent the shooting team and their wives (brought up from Lahr) on a two day retreat to a secluded resort hotel. The wives, the married and single soldiers really enjoyed the mini holiday, especially since the families had seen each other only three of the past 14 weeks.

Now the competition. The early competitors (British and American) had shot poorly and we suspected that we would perform well. With the cooks, led by WO Allen, feeding us steak and eggs at 0500 hrs the morning of our shoot, Canada 1 hit the ranges in conditions of 'not great' visibility – rain showers, low cloud and dull. But the dust was down and the gunners thanked the Lord for a small silver lining. Canada 1 had the most difficult array in the CENTAG team, even with the reshoot of a bound where the judges proved that targets were not visible to us. An excellent run: 29 of 32 targets and all MG had been hit. The next morning (Wed) Canada 2 in somewhat improved conditions was put to the test. We were equal to the test and put in the best ever Canadian performance by hitting 31 of 32 targets and all MG targets. Statistically as a team, we were presented 33% more targets than ever before and with the exact same ammo load we hit 75% more targets than in any previous competition. Only six targets of the 64 were double engaged; there weren't any triple kills. We brought back eight rounds. The following table shows how the teams did; CENTAG won because we did not let down the team. Our team beat all Challengers, all Leopard Is, three of six Leopard II teams and seven of nine M1 Abrams teams. Where in 1985 there were 12 of 20 teams in first generation tanks, in 1987 only six of 24 teams were first generation. The Canadian team had put in an excellent performance and we were proud to have re-established the honour and prestige of the Regiment, the Corps and Canadians.

Our excellent showing was due to a variety of reasons: the complete support we received from the



Bound 1, CAT '87.

Regiment and the CO, 4 CMBG and the Commander, Canada and from our families, and very importantly, a strong desire to do well and a personal belief that we could. To train for CAT 87, our team learned and tried the gunnery systems of the M60A3 (to make use of their UCFT), the M1 Abrams (to make use of their UCFT and SIMNET) and the Leopard C1. Each time we returned to our own equipment, reacquainted ourselves and in the end proved that we are among the best and most versatile soldiers in the world.



A Leopard II of 43 Tk Bn (NL), one of the competing teams in CAT '87.

NORTHAG

Day 1 = 15 Jun

DAY	TEAM	TANK	MAIN ARMAMENT	SCORE
1	Royal Hussars (UK) I	Challenger	18/24	14260
1	324 (GE) Pz Bn I	Leopard I	29/32	16672
1	43 (NL) Tk Bn I	Leopard II	30/32	18260
2	2-66 (US) AR I	M1 Abrams	29/32	17352
2	4 (BE) Lancers I	Leopard	29/32	16422
2	2-66 (US) AR II	M1 Abrams	29/32	17352
3	43 (NL) Tk Bn II	Leopard II	29/32	16365
3	324 (GE) Pz Bn II	Leopard I	28/32	16445
3	Royal Hussars (UK) II	Challenger	17/24	13673
4	2-66 (US) AR III	M1 Abrams	28/32	17125
4	4 (BE) Lancers II	Leopard I	30/32	17495
5	Royal Hussars (UK) III	Challenger	19/24	14306

CENTAG

1	3-46 (US) AR I	M1 Abrams	29/32	16792
1	4-8 (US) Cav I	M1 Abrams	28/32	16930
2	RCD I	Leopard I	29/32	16930
2	124 (GE) Pz Bn I	Leopard II	31/32	17157
2	363 (GE) Pz Bn II	Leopard II	30/32	17410
3	3-64 (US) AR II	M1 Abrams	28/32	16700
3	RCD II	Leopard I	31/32	18062
3	4-8 (US) Cav II	M1 Abrams	30/32	18005
4	363 (GE) Pz Bn II	Leopard II	31/32	18657
4	124 (GE) Pz Bn II	Leopard II	32/32	19690
4	3-64 (US) AR III	M1 Abrams	31/32	18827
5	4-8 (US) Cav III	M1 Abrams	32/32	20490

FINAL SCORE

	HIT/TGTS		SCORE
Northag	315/360	(87.5%)	195,727
Centag	362/384	(94.3%)	216,442

Regimental Sports



Members of the HQ Sqn Soccer Team being presented their medals by the Regimental 21C Major CJN Sproule, after winning the regimental soccer title.

In a year of upheaval and change, one facet of Regimental life remained unaffected: victory on the battle field of sports. On both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, unit teams participated in a variety of leagues and all performed well.

In Europe, the RCD Hockey Team was defeated in the semi-finals by the 2 PPCLI who in turn won the CFEHL Championships. The volleyball team progressed to the CFE finals where they lost to 1R22R only after a valiant struggle.

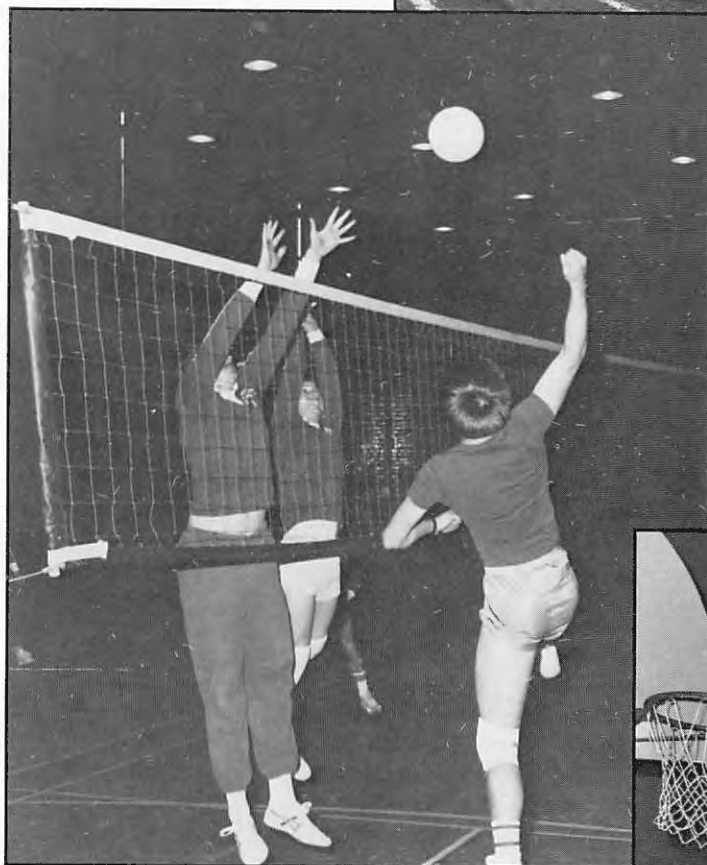
On arrival in Petawawa, the momentum continued. An internal soccer tournament saw fierce, tactically sound play and when the dust settled, HQ Sqn was victorious. The first Regimental Petawawa Harriers Run had Recce Sqn win the aggregated best time and Cpl Jim Lorimer of HQ Sqn winning the individual best time. Despite the efforts of the entire Regiment, the results were identical in the next Harriers five weeks later. With Leliefontein came the Regimental Sports Day. Individual and team participation in track and field, soccer, volleyball, and the obstacle course made everyone a winner and set the tone for the Regiment's first celebration in Canada in seventeen years.

As the year drew to a close, the Regiment was vehemently making its claim of sports supremacy in the SSF and CFB Petawawa. The Regiment was actively participating in hockey, broomball, volleyball, floor hockey, and biathlon at the base level and will be a likely contender at the regional and national level at seasons end in 1988.

The 100 m dash — a repeat of last year's clash of the titans as Cpl Aumais and MCpl Kell go head to head in regimental competition.



Cpl Wdowiak and Capt Young blocking a spike during a hotly contested volleyball game.



Action under the net during an inter squadron basketball game.





Maj CJN Sproule (nattily attired), presenting the Colonel of the Regiment's Cup to Maj MG Macdonald and MWO PJ Wonderham, Recce Sqn, as victors in the Leliefontein Sports Day.

Leliefontein Sports Day

Sgt HH Hauschildt and WO JL Rousseau clear the 8 ft wall during the obstacle course race.



*"Heave . . ."
A Sqn vs B Sqn in the tug of war.*

MCpl Bernice Van
Snick lights the
"Olympic" torch for
Leliefontein Sport Day
1987.



Maj Sproule (well camouflaged)
presenting Maj Hall, OCA Sqn, with
the trophy for the chain of command
race. With OCA are (standing) Sgt
McGee, 2Lt Kearney, (kneeling)
MWO Mokler and Tpr deVille.



Maj Sproule (nigh on invisible in
his smock), presenting the HQ
Sqn tug of war team with the
championship trophy. Standing
are Capt. Atkinson, Maj Moffat,
Sgt Savoie, Cfn Tripp, MCpl
Welton (coach). Kneeling are Tpr
Bryant, Tpr Cormier, Sig Pegalo
and Cpl Bates.



Springbok Coronet I

On 10th July 1987, The Royal Canadian Dragoons returned to Canada after 17 years service overseas. It was a difficult departure, for Lahr had become home to so many Dragoons. Yet it was as well an exciting time, for the Regiment was returning to a garrison it had left 30 years prior.

The farewell activities were many — too many to mention here. A few of the highlights were an impressive farewell parade to the citizens of Lahr and presentations to and from HQ, 4 CMBG and our affiliated units in CFE and CENTAG. We did not say good-bye, but simply 'so long', for 1991 is but four years away.



Top: C/S 88 E taking down the Regimental Sign at the North Marguerite, CFB Lahr, June 1987.

Middle: BGen JEP Lalonde, Comd 4CMBG, presenting the CO with a copper plaque commemorating "remarkable accomplishments and service as 4CMBG's tank regiment", June 1987.

Bottom: C/S 9 leads the Regiment past Herr Oberbürgermeister Dienst, Mayor of the city of Lahr.





*C/S 24C rolls past the dias,
17 May, 1987.*



The Guidon comes home. WO Hills, MWO Prendergast and WO Sloan parade the guidon past the Regiment in Petawawa, 10 July, 1987.



*The Colonel of the Regiment
welcomes the Regiment home,
10 July, 1987.*

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

The following is an extract from the Ottawa Journal, March 1945 taken from the Regimental archives.

Record of Canadian Dragoons Unique in Italian Campaign

With The Canadian Corps on The Adriatic – March 14

During 12 months of fighting in Italy, the Royal Canadian Dragoons lost not a single prisoner or vehicle to the enemy, a record believed to be unique in this theater. Every man appearing on a casualty list was either killed or wounded. Vehicle battle casualties were likewise damaged or destroyed, not captured by the enemy.

In Every Action.

The Dragoons, a permanent force unit, participated in every one of the Canadian Corps' actions from January 1944, through the Winter of 1944-45, most of the time on foot. In only two battles did they adhere strictly to their armored car role – the exploitation phase of the Hitler and Gothic line break-throughs.

In February, 1944, the Dragoons came into the Arielli river part of the Adriatic sector. Their first assignment after crossing from Sicily early this year was guarding the docks at Brindisi.

Leaving their vehicles in the mud at Reglio, the R.C.D.'s went into the line on foot in support of a Canadian infantry brigade, engaging in patrol activities until the Spring, when they were pulled out with the rest of the Canadian Corps for training in the Campobasso area.

Immediately the Hitler Line was slashed in the Spring offensive last May 23 the Dragoons plodded forward, exploiting beyond Pontecorvo to the Melfa river in the push from Cassino to Rome. A bridgehead established over the Melfa, they followed the action until Ceprano was reached and then participated in the liberation of Frosinone and Ferentino before being taken out of action with the Canadian Corps around June 6. Summer months until mid-August were spent in the Piedimonte d'Alife district, resting and training.

The Dragoons maintained the Canadian right flank in the approach battle to the Gothic line near the Adriatic last Summer, and their path from the Metauro to the Foglio river later became the division's axis of advance. After the Gothic's main defences had been coped with by other troops, the regiment in its armored cars were given the job of mopping up.

With Royal 22nd.

This they did between the Foglio and Monteluro where, once this feature had been taken, the battle was turned over to them. With companies of the Royal 22nd Regiment of Quebec on their backs they pushed forward in two hooks.

The right hook seized the road and rail junction at Gradada, then advanced to cut the road's junction with Route 16, the Rimini-Ferrara highway. The left drive swung in a northwesterly direction and intercepted the same highway just south of Cattolica, from where it pushed through the town, reaching the River Conca to the north. After a slight pause, on the night of September 3 they went on to take Riccione, between Cattolica and

Rimini. On the outskirts of the city they bumped the Germans' Rimini defences and pulled up temporarily.

In Landell Force

The battles of San Fortunato led to the capture of Rimini and obliged the Hun to fall behind the Marecchia river. Temporarily under command of Maj.-Gen. G.M. Hoffmeister's 5th Canadian Division now, the R.C.D.'s formed part of a battle group known as "Landell Force" and were ordered to initiate the expulsion of the Germans from the Lombardy Plains. Within five days, working forward on foot in ankle-deep Lombardy mud, and in driving rains, they achieved a crossing of the Uso River on September 27. They next crossed the Rubicon to walk into the costal town of Cesenatico, taking it without a fight. Though tired when they emerged for rest from the line on October 20, their work had thrown the Germans off schedule.

They were on the job again within eight days. The Adriatic sector between the Bevano river and the Ghiaia canal, south of Ravenna, was under R.C.D. control between the coast and a point several thousand yards east of Route 16.

"Record of Canadian Dragoons"

It was a period of extreme patrolling. The ground in most places was water-topped, a vast inland lake. They had Partisans under their command. Their patrols and sorties in this supposedly-quiet sector cost the Germans 70 prisoners and 30 dead during the three weeks the Dragoons were there.

December's fighting from the Montone bridgehead to the Senio river saw the dismounted R.C.D.'s as left flank guard for the advance of the 1st Division in the first phase. In the second, the operation from the Lamone River to the Senio itself, they constituted a dismounted holding force responsible for fronts varying from 2,000 to 500 yards.

Mainly Westerners.

Originally from St.Johns, Que. and Toronto, the regiment now represents every part of Canada, with an especial accent on the west. Decorations awarded personnel in the past year include three Distinguished Service Orders, two Military Crosses, five Military Medals, one British Empire Medal and one R.C.D. has been made a member of the Order of the British Empire. The officer commanding comes from Toronto and Montreal.



An RCD Staghound, Italy 1944.

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

The Royal Canadian Dragoons Association

During 1987, the Association continued to thrive as an organization. Our membership stretches from all 10 provinces, through the United States to the United Kingdom, Europe and Australia. Because of the energy of people like Ed Dzioba, Ray Camley, Jim Kelly, Ed Gray, Leroy MacAdams and Jack Pierce to name just a few, our rolls gained 85 new members, some still serving.

In 1987, the Upper Ottawa Valley Chapter came into being. As in New Brunswick, having "C" Squadron at CFB Gagetown acted as a catalyst in strengthening and rejuvenating what is now known as the Atlantic Regional Chapter, so in CFB Petawawa, the arrival of the Regiment spurred on the desire of members in the Petawawa – Pembroke area to become an identifiable and cohesive part of the overall Association. The proposal was put to the Board of Directors and at our Annual Meeting in CFB Petawawa November 7th, approval was granted.

It is of interest to note that chapter activities have increased over the past few years. At earlier times, with association continuity depending upon the two senior chapters centred in the nation's capital and Toronto not a great deal of attention was paid to what the local level did. Those who read the synopsis of the Toronto Chapter's "to-ing and fro-ing" in our recent Newsletter were given a snapshot view of the degree of involvement by this group of dedicated "old sweats". Ed Dzioba and Jim Kelly can tell you what the new chapter has planned for 1988, while Leroy MacAdams at the Armour School in Gagetown would also be able to quote what is planned for in the months ahead.

The Association continues to support the Regiment in those areas where we can be of assistance. The Ceremonial Uniform project under the counsel of the Colonel of the Regiment has been one of the major proposals made to the membership. We are also anxious to help out in the complex job of consolidating the Regimental Archives. At the moment we do not have a handle on a procedure that would produce results. It might be that a chapter could volunteer to cover a certain time frame and set up a working group to visit Petawawa and look at just what is required. We are also investigating the production of a brochure, which would be made available to serving members approaching retirement. The brochure in essence would be a recruitment vehicle for the Association. As the readers will appreciate, the original

Last Post

W. (Bill) Bouillic	Havard Straughan
John Chisholm	Alex Thompson
Reuben Major	Jock Ussher
Taffy Morgan	Don Weir
Don Rhodenhizer	Mort Weisman

"We shall remember them"

membership group are a diminishing resource and if the Association is to continue to survive as a viable organization, new and younger members must be found to step into the spaces of those who have gone before. Those of you who read the Newsletter will have noticed that our numbers were diminished by the loss of 26 of our comrades in 1987. So I say to you, who are still serving, when the time comes for you to enter another field of endeavor, please think seriously about how you can continue to contribute to the Royal Canadian Dragoons as an active member of the Association.

We are anxious to improve our "advertising" of the Regiment. For example we would like to publish in our Newsletter a column, of, for example the current Eckhardt Trophy winner. I'm sure there are other awards that would be of great interest to us, as well. If it is feasible we would like to have some photos and background material when you are in Cyprus. Maintaining contact of this kind helps make us feel we are not cut off from the real world.

To all serving members of the Regiment, we of the Association say "thank you" for your great effort last November in helping to make our participation in the Leliefontein activities a memorable occasion. Keep up the good work.



Warriors Day Parade, August 1987 in Toronto, Ontario.

Leliefontein 1987



On a bitterly cold Saturday morning, 7 November 1987, The RCD family commemorated the action at Leliefontein 87 years ago. It was a day of many 'firsts'; the first time in 17 years the guidon was on parade with the Regiment in Canada, the first time the Old Guard paraded with the Regiment in 12 years, the first time ever had C Sqn Gagetown was on parade with the Regiment in Canada, and the first time in 17 years that we celebrated Leliefontein at home.

The weekend was a roaring success. From the Meet and Greet on Friday night to the All Ranks Dance Saturday night to Sunday's church parade, the whole Regiment marched, sang, danced and remembered together. Old friendships were rekindled, and new ones were born. It was a great weekend, and all that shall not be soon forgotten.



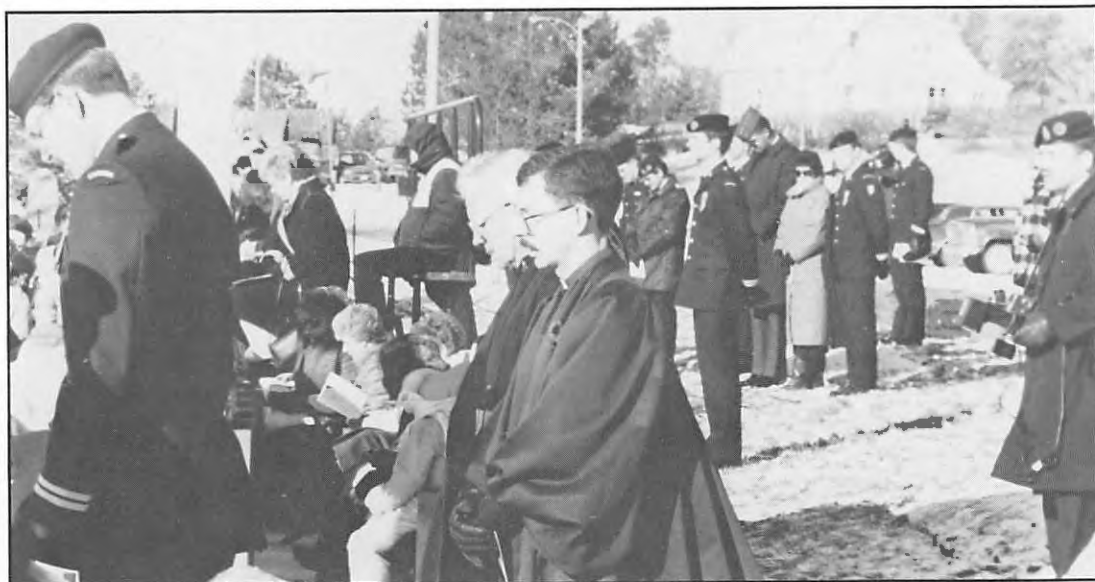
The Colonel of the Regiment, BGen (Ret'd) GG Bell inspects the Old Guard, accompanied by BGen C Milner, Senior Serving Dragoon in Canada, and Mr Cy Gaskin, President of The RCD Association.



Maj RM Hutchings leads B Sqn past the dias, 7 November 1987



*Talk about a rogues' gallery!!
MWO John Riggs, SSM, HQ
Sqn; MWO (ret'd) Russ
Berry; MWO Jack Marshall,
SSM, C Sqn, Gagetown; and
MWO Bruce Pendergast,
SSM, B Sqn.*



*Two Regimental
padres on parade
— Capt (ret'd) A
H Self, Padre
RCD 1960-62,
and his son, Capt
Harvey Self,
Padre RCD 1987.*



*The Leliefontein
Feu-de-joie.*

*"This is a tank hangar?"
Members and guests of the Regiment marvel at A Sqn's handiwork in bldg C-103 for the All-Ranks Dance Leliefontein 1987.*



BGen Clive Milner, Senior Serving Dragoon in Canada, Leliefontein, 1987.



Recce Sqn on the obstacle course, Leliefontein Sports Day, 1987.



The Guidon on parade.



RCD OFFICERS — REGIMENTAL DINNER, DECEMBER 1987

Front row: (L to R): Maj RM Hutchings, Maj MG Macdonald, Col CJ Addy (COS, CMA), Col (ret'd) RJ Brown, LCol RG Meating, BGen (ret'd) GG Bell, Col (ret'd) JA Murphy, Maj CJN Sproule, Maj GR Hall.

Second row: (L to R): Maj R Carruthers (NDHQ), Capt SC MacDowall (NDHQ), Capt LP Maybe, Capt AH Self (Padre (P)), Lt MA Rostek, Capt RH Smallwood, Capt KM McKay (FMC HQ), Capt PJ Atkinson, Capt J Milne (SIG O), Capt J Bait (QM), Lt SD Woodburn, Capt PJ Wells, Capt AJ Earnshaw, Maj RA Black (FMC HQ), Maj (ret'd) VP Guy.

Third row: (L to R): Maj GG Hug (HQ SSF), Capt PR Nielsen, Lt MR Mitchell, Capt MA Nixon (MTC Petawawa), Capt PT Haindl, Capt WN Brough, Capt RI Ryder-Burbidge.

Fourth row: (L to R): 2Lt SH Bassindale, 2Lt B Kew, Lt MD Reinprecht, 2Lt RE Kearney, 2Lt RT Cotton, Lt DJ Allin, Lt HA Angel, Capt DR Boddam (MO), Lt DJ McCoy, Lt SJ Young, Lt WNA Newton, Lt TI Marshall, Lt JP Follwell.

Missing: Maj SE Moffat, Maj JRG Turgeon (Padre (RC)), Capt JR Ferron, Capt DW Kitchen, Capt WJ Natynczyk, Capt AC Patch, Capt MJ Ward, Lt BD Derible, Lt JMR Moreau.



WO'S & SGT'S MESS

Seated: Sgt Lowerison, WO Cappello, MWO Mokler, WO Brideau, MWO Wonderham, WO Lambert, MWO Riggs, Sgt Binzig, CWO (Ret'd) Beatty, WO Valley, Sgt Stearns, LCol Meating, Sgt McGee, CWO Lynk, Sgt Madill, Sgt Schapp, WO1 (Ret'd) Milberry, Sgt Savoie, MWO Prendergast, Sgt Duke, MWO Ingram, WO Courtney, MWO Breton, Sgt Harkies, Sgt Livingstone, MWO Pouliot, Sgt Mills.

Second row: Sgt Hauschildt, WO Wionzek, Sgt MacLellan, Sgt Desrochers, Sgt Heissler, WO Hills, Sgt Clayfield, WO Beaton, WO Lepine, Sgt Ouellet, Sgt Raymond, Sgt Maillet, Sgt Cable, Sgt Tozer, Sgt Tipping, Sgt O'Mara, WO Hopkins, WO Meighan, Sgt Hollywood.

Back row: WO Skelding, WO Gosse, WO Austin, Sgt Dymond, Sgt Reid, Sgt Whitehall, Sgt Weibe, Sgt Burke, WO Egan, Sgt Guerin, Sgt Hunt, Sgt Newman, WO Sloane, WO Shaw, Sgt Lawrence, WO Kuhn, WO Pratt, Sgt Wiles, Sgt Lynch, Sgt Arvisais.

Missing: WO Dion, WO O'Conner, WO Rousseau, Sgt Tarrant, Sgt Davis, Sgt Ripley, Sgt Smoljanovik.

Men's Christmas Dinner



Left: Cpl DE Apt, acting RSM and Tpr RR Ovens, acting CO, carve the Christmas turkey under the watchful eyes of their (real) counterparts.

Below left: "If it weren't for the bells and the kitchen, this would sound terrible." The CO leads the officers' choir.

Below right: "Santa Claus or not, if you do not remove your hand from my knee . . ." Tpr Puzanowaki, December 1987.



REGIMENTAL COMMANDING OFFICERS

J.F. Turnbull	21 Dec 1883 – 1 Nov 1895	H.A. Phillips, OBE, CD	9 Apr 1946 – 9 Jan 1949
F.L. Lessard, CB	2 Nov 1895 – 31 Mar 1907	G.J.H. Wattsford, CD	10 Jan 1949 – 21 May 1951
V.A.S Williams, CMG, ADC	1 Apr 1902 – 30 Nov 1912	J.F. Merner, CD	22 May 1951 – 6 Dec 1953
C.N. Nelles	1 Dec 1912 – 14 Mar 1917	E.A.C. Amy,	
C.T. Van Straubenzee, MID	15 Mar 1917 – 9 Oct 1918	DSO, OBE, MC, CD	7 Dec 1953 – 6 Sep 1956
T.R.G. Newcomen, MC	11 Oct 1918 – 2 Apr 1919	A.L. Brady, DSO, CD	7 Sep 1956 – 8 Mar 1959
W.H. Bell, DSO, MID	3 Apr 1919 – 17 Jun 1919	J.S. Ussher, CD	9 Mar 1959 – 18 Jan 1961
A. McMillan, DSO	18 Jun 1919 – 2 Feb 1920	M.H. Bateman, CD	19 Jan 1961 – 8 Aug 1963
F. Gilman, DSO	3 Feb 1920 – 30 Sep 1924	P.V.B. Grieve, CD	9 Aug 1963 – 2 Aug 1965
W.H. Bell, DSO, MID	1 Oct 1924 – 2 Jun 1927	W.T.E. Finan, CD	3 Aug 1965 – 21 Aug 1967
D.B. Bowie, DSO (Major)	3 Jun 1927 – 17 Nov 1931	C.G. Kitchen, CD	22 Aug 1967 – 3 Aug 1969
R.S. Timmis, DSO	18 Nov 1931 – 31 Oct 1936	R.D. Gross, CD	4 Aug 1969 – 14 Jun 1970
E.L. Caldwell, MID	1 Nov 1936 – 30 Jun 1941	P.H.C. Carew, CD	15 Jun 1970 – 9 Jul 1972
R.Moss, MC (Major)	1 Jul 1941 – 13 Jul 1941	R.J. Brown, CD	10 Jul 1972 – 11 Jul 1974
J.H. Larocque, CD (Major)	14 Jul 1941 – 1 Aug 1941	J.K. Dangerfield, CD	12 Jul 1974 – 10 Jul 1976
W.E. Gillespie	2 Aug 1941 – 12 Feb 1942	C. Milner, CD	11 Jul 1976 – 11 Jul 1978
J.D.B Smith, CBE, DSO, CD	13 Feb 1941 – 22 Jun 1942	G.J. O'Connor, CD	12 Jul 1978 – 26 Jun 1980
J.F. Birgham, OBE, MID	29 Jun 1942 – 13 Feb 1944	C.J. Addy, CD	27 Jun 1980 – 25 Jun 1982
K.D. Landell, DSO	14 Feb 1944 – 5 Nov 1945	D.M. Dean, CD	28 Jun 1982 – 22 Jun 1984
J.P. Gauthier, DSO, CD(Major)	6 Nov 1945 – 12 Dec 1945	D.J. Graham, CD	22 Jun 1984 – 25 Jun 1986
J.E. Fuger (Major)	13 Dec 1945 – 6 Apr 1946	R.G. Meating, CD	25 Jun 1986 –

REGIMENTAL SERGEANTS – MAJOR

W. Dingley	1898 – 1899	C.W. Smith	1949 – 1952
J.C. Page	1900 – 1906	A. Price, MBE	1952 – 1954
J. Widgery	1907 – 1912	C.W. Smith	1954 – 1957
I.F. Lee	1912 – 1923	P.A. Forgrave, DMC, CD	1957 – 1962
T. Leblond	1913 – 1914	J. Getty, CD	1962 – 1964
E. A. Steer	1914 – 1915	J. Thomson, CD	1964 – 1966
G.F. Berteau	1915	L.A. Milberry, CD	1966 – 1968
T.A. James	1915 – 1917	F.J. Harnois	1968 –
C.W. Smith (Toronto)	1918 – 1925	E.A. Brown, MMM, CD	1968 – 1970
G.W. Dore (St. John)	1918 – 1925	H.S. Graham, CD	1970 – 1971
G.D. Churchward, MM	1925 – 1929	E.A. Brown, MMM, CD	1971 – 1973
H.E. Karcher, MM	1929 – 1931	C.W. Yeomann, CD	1973 – 1975
F. Wardell, DCM	1931 – 1934	G.R. Bennett, CD	1975 – 1978
J. McLean, MM	1935 – 1939	D.A. Beattie, CD	1978 – 1980
E.H. Manning, MBE, MSM	1940 – 1941	A.L. MacAdam, MMM, CD	1980 – 1982
J.D. Copeland, MBE, MSM	1941 –	R.J. Marriott, CD	1982 – 1985
L. Nichol	1941 – 1942	G.E. Martin, CD	1985 – 1987
L.F. Russel, MBE	1942 – 1948	R.J. Lynk, CD1	1987 –

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

LCol	Meating	RG
Maj	Sproule	CJN
Capt	Atkinson	PJ
Capt	Milne	JG
Capt	Ryder-Burbidge	RI
Capt	Wells	PJ
CWO	Lynk	RJ
WO	Hills	CH
WO	Lepine	RI
WO	Meighan	GD
WO	O'Connor	TJ
WO	Shaw	TW
Sgt	Heisler	FA
MCpl	Bellier	AL
MCpl	Brown	RD
MCpl	Dube	JPA
MCpl	Parsons	SJ
MCpl	Talty	RJAR
MCpl	Taylor	DB
MCpl	Turbide	JLP
MCpl	Welton	LR
Cpl	Henningsen	R
Cpl	Kent	SM
Cpl	Larocque	TP
Cpl	O'Neill	KM
Cpl	Shead	DCJ
Cpl	Williams	GA
Tpr	Aucoin	RW
Tpr	Bisson	CV
Tpr	Bryant	RE
Tpr	Dignard	MJ
Tpr	Evans	SM
Tpr	Gallant	AD
Tpr	Mahar	AN
Tpr	Norman	RG
Sig	Smith	DP
Tpr	Swartman	SM
Tpr	Symons	WJ
Tpr	Twaddle	JP

A SQUADRON

Maj	Hall	GR
Maj	Richards	RS
Capt	Earnshaw	AJ
Capt	Ferron	JR
Lt	Moreau	JR
Lt	Newton	WNA
2Lt	Bassindale	SH
2Lt	Kearney	RE
2Lt	Kew	B
MWO	Mokler	BR
WO	Beaton	LC
WO	Courtney	DD
WO	Hopkins	RA
WO	Sloan	BE
Sgt	Burke	WJ
Sgt	Cable	RE
Sgt	Duke	CR
Sgt	Harkies	HR
Sgt	Madill	FA
Sgt	McGee	DE
Sgt	Mills	JA
Sgt	Raymond	NL
Sgt	Ripley	DR
MCpl	Beaudet	DB
MCpl	Bolduc	RJE
MCpl	Carew	RS
MCpl	Chattington	RT
MCpl	Dale	WC
MCpl	Fairbairn	DC
MCpl	Gagne	R
MCpl	Johston	KE
MCpl	Jones	KR
MCpl	Lampert	KD
MCpl	Levesque	JHC
MCpl	McConnel	DE
MCpl	St Denis	RL
MCpl	Thompson	AP
MCpl	Virtanen	RM
MCpl	Ward	CB
Cpl	Allan	SF
Cpl	Anderson	KW
Cpl	Cox	R
Cpl	Dumas	AS
Cpl	Evans	AT
Cpl	Herscheid	RJ
Cpl	Lamont	GK
Cpl	Lepoidevin	TRW

Cpl	Mathews	RC
Cpl	McLeod	JR
Cpl	Moreau	JAL
Cpl	Novodvorsky	JL
Cpl	Remus	WW
Cpl	Rodden	ME
Cpl	Stein	E
Cpl	Talbot	DE
Cpl	Teneyck	KA
Cpl	Webber	RR
Tpr	Adam	JJA
Tpr	Brown	IC
Tpr	Clabby	P
Tpr	Crosetiere	JCS
Tpr	Deville	SW
Tpr	Eheler	DJ
Tpr	Gagnon	AA
Tpr	Goodall	GT
Tpr	Green	TJ
Tpr	Hatfield	CG
Tpr	Haynes	JA
Tpr	Hewitt	SP
Tpr	Hillier	JG
Tpr	Jesso	GJ
Tpr	LaFleur	MP
Tpr	Lyall	VP
Tpr	MacLaren	DA
Tpr	Martin	WT
Tpr	McDonald	JP
Tpr	McNeil	PV
Tpr	Morris	GA
Tpr	O'Keefe	TAJ
Tpr	O'Neil	GP
Tpr	Oesch	AA
Tpr	Partington	AR
Tpr	Pellizzari	AJ
Tpr	Riddell	PA
Tpr	Taylor	GG
Tpr	Thomas	RJ
Tpr	Vinkle	AJ
Tpr	Walker	DM
Tpr	Warren	JF

B SQUADRON

Maj	Hutchings	RM
Capt	Haindl	PT
Capt	Ward	MJ
Lt	Angel	HA
Lt	Derible	BD
Lt	Marshall	TI
Lt	Mitchell	MR
Lt	Reinprecht	MD
MWO	Prendergast	BW
WO	Brideau	JGR
WO	Lambert	GW
WO	Valley	FT
WO	Wionzek	MJR
Sgt	Guerin	GP
Sgt	Lowerison	DR
Sgt	McLellan	BL
Sgt	OMara	JD
Sgt	Smoljanovic	T
Sgt	Stearns	DJ
Sgt	Tozer	JR
MCpl	Billinger	MP
MCpl	Bourgoin	JP
MCpl	Carberry	A
MCpl	Connors	RG
MCpl	Coombes	LW
MCpl	Eldridge	AJ
MCpl	Farr	JAD
MCpl	Fournier	WP
MCpl	Hartley	RW
MCpl	Hynds	GS
MCpl	Lamer	JLC
MCpl	Lavoie	JM
MCpl	Manny	JN
MCpl	McAuley	TG
MCpl	Rodrigue	JMC
MCpl	Saltel	LE
MCpl	Wilmink	GA
Cpl	Abbott	PM
Cpl	Baltzer	KJ
Cpl	Casselman	CR
Cpl	Doucette	KE
Cpl	Laporte	JWLY
Cpl	Lessard	MJ
Cpl	Martin	GE
Cpl	Plante	JR

Cpl	Racine	SJR
Cpl	Smith	EJ
Cpl	Vardy	WT
Cpl	Wadden	KM
Cpl	Woermke	DEJ
Tpr	Bailey	K
Tpr	Bamberger	DB
Tpr	Barlow	RS
Tpr	Boulanger	IA
Tpr	Boutilier	SL
Tpr	Crowe	PE
Tpr	Elliston	SR
Tpr	Feeney	KB
Tpr	Gillam	CP
Tpr	Grimard	JMH
Tpr	Gwiazda	BC
Tpr	Huff	RH
Tpr	Jinks	DP
Tpr	Jones	TD
Tpr	Joudrey	DJ
Tpr	Lachapelle	TL
Tpr	Lalonde	DD
Tpr	Leblanc	DP
Tpr	Marentette	JR
Tpr	McGregor	JI
Tpr	Messer	RT
Tpr	Mills	SD
Tpr	Mitton	DA
Tpr	Primak	BG
Tpr	Rathwell	WR
Tpr	Rose	BA
Tpr	Ruiters	RG
Tpr	Smith	
Tpr	Solmine	A
Tpr	Stadnyk	HF
Tpr	Stein	RT
Tpr	Vaillancourt	GY
Tpr	Vizino	SAG
Tpr	Walker	MC
Tpr	Ward	AM

RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

Maj	Macdonald	MG
Capt	Maybee	LP
Capt	Natynczyk	WJ
Capt	Rostek	MA
Capt	Woodburn	SD
Lt	Allin	DJ
Lt	Follwell	JP
Lt	McCoy	DA
2Lt	Cotton	RT
MWO	Wonderham	PJ
WO	Austin	FE
WO	Gosse	AG
WO	Levesque	JDJ
WO	Rousseau	JAL
WO	Skelding	TL
Sgt	Binzig	WH
Sgt	Clayfield	KR
Sgt	Desrochers	ROJ
Sgt	Dymond	BC
Sgt	Hauschildt	HH
Sgt	Hunt	JF
Sgt	Maillet	GE
Sgt	Reid	AJ
Sgt	Schapp	JF
Sgt	Whitehall	RD
Sgt	Wiebe	LE
MCpl	Berry	PE
MCpl	Brown	RK
MCpl	Cameron	BA
MCpl	Dobbin	MH
MCpl	Downey	DG
MCpl	Dowswell	HG
MCpl	Edward	BG
MCpl	Gascon	DRJ
MCpl	Girard	JM
MCpl	Godden	JB
MCpl	Heppell	JD
MCpl	Kell	DR
MCpl	McAvoy	JI
MCpl	Meek	DK
MCpl	Pitts	LM
MCpl	Robitaille	JJG
Cpl	Bechard	JV
Cpl	Booth	JJJ
Cpl	Christensen	LE
Cpl	Crowdis	JW
Cpl	Dissmann	SEH

Cpl	Evans	JR
Cpl	Hart	JM
Cpl	Hutchison	MW
Cpl	Ingebrigtsen	TG
Cpl	Kelly	PDS
Cpl	Logan	JE
Cpl	Preston	MP
Cpl	MacPherson	IG
Cpl	Madigan	GM
Cpl	Malcolm	GC
Cpl	McGuigan	DW
Cpl	Otis	JGC
Cpl	Preston	MP
Cpl	Robbins	RW
Cpl	Rutledge	TM
Cpl	Ryce	WP
Cpl	Train	JS
Cpl	Tremblay	JGM
Cpl	Tummings	WD
Cpl	Wyatt	CG
Cpl	Young	DS
Tpr	Arsenault	JG
Tpr	Banasik	MJ
Tpr	Batten	DC
Tpr	Bench	DW
Tpr	Boon	LK
Tpr	Borkovic	R
Tpr	Bouwmeister	JG
Tpr	Bradshaw	RB
Tpr	Breckenridge	RQ
Tpr	Brown	GJ
Tpr	Brown	KW
Tpr	Buckle	AC
Tpr	Burns	SGA
Tpr	Cairns	SD
Tpr	Cameron	FRJ
Tpr	Casseltan	CW
Tpr	Chamberlain	JP
Tpr	Clark	PJ
Tpr	Cormier	RG
Tpr	Desroches	JAK
Tpr	Dunster	WAR
Tpr	Fleming	PM
Tpr	Forbes	BS
Tpr	Grier	LD
Tpr	Heissler	G
Tpr	Johnson	DC
Tpr	Jones	JRS
Tpr	Karpik	JA
Tpr	Keeping	CM
Tpr	Kelly	DP
Tpr	Kruger	CB
Tpr	Laird	DAM
Tpr	Lewington	JN
Tpr	Malin	GR
Tpr	Mamye	RTJ
Tpr	Matheson	JR
Tpr	McIntyre	BRC
Tpr	McKenzie	DA
Tpr	Miller	DR
Tpr	Miller	GJ
Tpr	Moser	AJ
Tpr	Moser	DB
Tpr	Paintednose	DJ
Tpr	Palin	RJ
Tpr	Saad	BS
Tpr	Sloan	SF
Tpr	Soltys	AM
Tpr	Stan	BI
Tpr	Tardif	JBN
Tpr	Thody	KG
Tpr	Tinnion	SP
Tpr	Train	DJ
Tpr	Vache	JA
Tpr	Walsh	WJ
Tpr	Zinck	DW

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

Maj	Moffat	SE
Capt	Bait	JC
Capt	Boddam	DR
Capt	Brough	WN
Capt	Kitchen	DW
Capt	Nielsen	RP
Capt	Patch	AC
Capt	Self	AM
Capt	Smallwood	RH
Capt	Young	SJ
Lt	Cullen	CK

Extra Regimentally Employed Dragons

BGen	Troughton	KG	NDHQ
Col	Dean	DM	NDHQ
Col	O'Connor	GJ	NDHQ
LCol	Henderson	DA	NDHQ
Maj	Appleton	MW	NDHQ
Maj	Barsauskas	LK	NDHQ
Maj	Caldwell	RH	NDHQ
Maj	Klein	LO	NDHQ
Maj	Round	RJ	NDHQ
Maj	Seeley	KRT	NDHQ
Maj	Wilkinson	DC	NDHQ
Capt	Philcox	PA	NDHQ
Capt	Leroux	JGP	NDHQ
Capt	Taylor	RC	NDHQ
Capt	Sangster	GL	NDHQ
Lt	Roberts	JT	NDHQ
WO	Sparling	JDS	NDHQ
Maj	Hillier	RJ	CFLS Ottawa
Maj	Burnie	TJ	CDLS (L)
Maj	Richards	RS	CDLS (L)
Maj	Olafson	OJD	CDLS (W)
BGen	Milner	C	CLFCSC Kingston
Col	Addy	CJ	NDC Kingston
LCol	Graham	DJ	CLFCSC Kingston
Capt	Doucet	JLA	RMC Kingston
Capt	Kampman	MD	RMC Kingston
MWO	Hutchinson	HW	CFB Kingston
Sgt	Watson	FH	CFB Kingston
Sgt	Nickerson	JG	CFB Kingston
Sgt	Hamer	JH	CFB Kingston
Cpl	Crumback	DJ	CLFCSC Kingston
LCol	Acreman	RE	CFB Gagetown
Maj	Hook	BE	CFB Gagetown
Maj	MacLean	GR	CFB Gagetown
Capt	Gerrrow	JW	CFB Gagetown
Capt	Ostler	JR	CFB Gagetown
Sgt	Rice	JV	CFB Gagetown
Sgt	Best	LJ	CFB Gagetown
Sgt	Campbell	IF	CFB Gagetown
Sgt	Naylor	FG	CFB Gagetown
MCpl	Garnier	EJC	CFB Gagetown
Cpl	Brander	RE	CFB Gagetown
Cpl	Syroid	DS	CFB Gagetown
LCol	Thornton	KL	Armour School
Maj	Latham	EH	Armour School
Capt	Ashford	JA	Armour School
Capt	Cessford	MP	Armour School
Capt	Childs	W	Armour School
Capt	Datchko	TM	Armour School
Capt	Marriot	RJ	Armour School
Capt	Martin	GE	Armour School
Capt	Martin	SA	Armour School
Capt	McNorgan	MR	Armour School
Capt	Milner	DJ	Armour School
Capt	Oldham	SC	Armour School
Capt	Puddister	RA	Armour School
Capt	Richard	JLM	Armour School
Capt	Russel	RB	Armour School
Capt	Thomas	LE	Armour School
CWO	MacAdams	AI	Armour School
CWO	Urbanowski	TE	Armour School
WO	Arsenault	DJA	Armour School
WO	Brownridge	RB	Armour School
WO	Cleveland	WG	Armour School
WO	Clark	JA	Armour School
WO	Hannan	CP	Armour School

WO	Munger	JER	Armour School
WO	Perron	JM	Armour School
WO	Smith	AB	Armour School
Sgt	Boutillier	PE	Armour School
Sgt	Breau	RA	Armour School
Sgt	Catterall	JB	Armour School
Sgt	Decker	MW	Armour School
Sgt	Diedrick	FE	Armour School
Sgt	Everrert	DE	Armour School
Sgt	Ferguson	GD	Armour School
Sgt	Franklin	GS	Armour School
Sgt	Head	DW	Armour School
Sgt	Hensby	JH	Armour School
Sgt	Horne	DM	Armour School
Sgt	Kendall	JA	Armour School
Sgt	McMillan	SC	Armour School
Sgt	Marchaud	AT	Armour School
Sgt	Mercier	JR	Armour School
Sgt	Mirville	ME	Armour School
Sgt	Orr	RJ	Armour School
Sgt	Proctor	DR	Armour School
Sgt	Ritchie	RW	Armour School
Sgt	Sanderson	DR	Armour School
Sgt	Saunders	WR	Armour School
Sgt	Smith	DJ	Armour School
Sgt	Votour	DC	Armour School
Sgt	Watts	RC	Armour School
MCpl	Arsenault	JL	Armour School
MCpl	Bezeau	JM	Armour School
MCpl	Brabant	MG	Armour School
MCpl	Bush	GJ	Armour School
MCpl	Dobbin	KW	Armour School
MCpl	Donovan	JA	Armour School
MCpl	Fawcett	WA	Armour School
MCpl	Lehman	MS	Armour School
MCpl	McCrae	CH	Armour School
MCpl	McLeod	G	Armour School
MCpl	McTaggart	IT	Armour School
MCpl	Morrison	ES	Armour School
MCpl	Murphy	LL	Armour School
MCpl	Neveu	JAA	Armour School
MCpl	Partridge	BA	Armour School
MCpl	Patterson	PR	Armour School
MCpl	Preston	GR	Armour School
MCpl	Pringle	JG	Armour School
MCpl	Pritchard	DP	Armour School
MCpl	Savoie	JPD	Armour School
MCpl	Simard	DA	Armour School
MCpl	Slack	AJ	Armour School
MCpl	Thomas	JE	Armour School
MCpl	Wallace	GW	Armour School
MCpl	Webber	TV	Armour School
Cpl	Atkinson	JF	Armour School
Cpl	Babson	TJ	Armour School
Cpl	Ball	KF	Armour School
Cpl	Benister	JW	Armour School
Cpl	Bell	DAM	Armour School
Cpl	Barrigan	DJ	Armour School
Cpl	Brown	MJ	Armour School
Cpl	Campbell	JD	Armour School
Cpl	Carrier	JEJ	Armour School
Cpl	Carson	DV	Armour School
Cpl	Clark	DR	Armour School
Cpl	Codanoglu	AM	Armour School
Cpl	Curnock	MA	Armour School
Cpl	Dallaire	TA	Armour School
Cpl	Demoliter	TL	Armour School
Cpl	Duchesne	JC	Armour School

Cpl	Dykeman	BE	Armour School	Capt	Maddison	SR	CFB Borden
Cpl	Forcey	HW	Armour School	MWO	Horgan	TJ	CFB Borden
Cpl	Gorman	JL	Armour School	WO	Nolte	HW	CFB Borden
Cpl	Griffin	SK	Armour School	Sgt	Bennett	PP	CFB Borden
Cpl	Kelly	MJ	Armour School	Sgt	Harris	RP	CFB Borden
Cpl	Lariviere	JA	Armour School	Sgt	McNeil	JL	CFB Borden
Cpl	Laskovic	K	Armour School	Sgt	Gillett	WD	CFB Borden
Cpl	Lavigeur	JR	Armour School	MCpl	Canuel	JR	CFB Borden
Cpl	Lawrence	CD	Armour School	Cpl	Beaudry	KM	CFB Borden
Cpl	Lowe	JL	Armour School	MWO	Hutchinson	HW	CFB Kingston
Cpl	Lumley	DM	Armour School	Sgt	Watson	FH	CFB Kingston
Cpl	Meisner	CE	Armour School	Sgt	Nickerson	JG	CFB Kingston
Cpl	Pevic	HL	Armour School	Sgt	Hamer	JH	CFB Kingston
Cpl	Pothier	RG	Armour School	WO	McPherson	RN	CFB Winnipeg
Cpl	Pringle	WA	Armour School	MCpl	Vandenberg	JP	CFB Winnipeg
Cpl	Reid	GJ	Armour School	Maj	Berge	RFJ	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	Richards	WA	Armour School	Maj	Pyne	TF	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	Robinson	TJ	Armour School	Capt	Holton	RJ	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	Smith	JPS	Armour School	Capt	Bech	UC	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	Spittal	AW	Armour School	Capt	Barr	JM	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	Tammisto	EH	Armour School	Capt	MacNeil	DJL	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	Thellies	AGJ	Armour School	Sgt	Muise	JM	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	Van Hedingen	MA	Armour School	MCpl	Barr	JJ	CFB Chilliwack
Cpl	Worrell	JS	Armour School	LCol	Prosser	DW	CFB Toronto
Tpr	Crue	DR	Armour School	Maj	Ashton	ND	CFB Toronto
Tpr	Johnston	EP	Armour School	Maj	Bart	GE	CFB Toronto
Tpr	Pierce	RL	Armour School	Maj	Forsyth	BJ	CFCSC Toronto
Tpr	Reed	NJ	Armour School	Capt	Atkins	JA	CFB Toronto
Tpr	Stacey	PD	Armour School	CWO	Mercer	SP	CFB Toronto
BGen	Dangerfield	JK	HQ Centag Heidelberg	CWO	Rothenburg	J	CFB Toronto
Col	Lake	HBE	Shape HQ Brumsum	WO	Paquin	PD	CFB Toronto
Maj	Gorman	WL	HQ Centag Heidelberg	Sgt	Hammel	KHH	CFB Toronto
Capt	Carswell	MK	HQ 4 CMBG Lahr	MCpl	Ramm	TW	CFB Toronto
Capt	Leduc	GK	HQ CFE Lahr	Cpl	Wilkie	JC	CFB Toronto
MWO	Martin	JL	444 THS Lahr	Maj	Hamilton	AK	CFB Trenton
Sgt	Betts	NW	444 THS Lahr	MCpl	Schultz	LM	CFB Ottawa
Sgt	Dubé	JPM	444 THS Lahr	MCpl	Nunez	JA	CFB Ottawa
Sgt	Gagne	JPG	444 THS Lahr	Cpl	Shay	TE	CFB Ottawa
Sgt	Overink	H	444 THS Lahr	Cpl	Poole	MH	CFB Ottawa
Cpl	Barrette	JRM	CFE Lahr	Maj	Dixon	BR	CFB Edmonton
Cpl	Kasaboski	DP	CFE Lahr	Sgt	Wright	AD	CFB Edmonton
Capt	MacDowall	SC	CFB Valcartier	MWO	Fougere	JAR	CFB Moncton
WO	Galas	KA	CFB Valcartier	Maj	Price	JJ	FMC HQ
MCpl	Stevenson	GP	CFB Valcartier	Maj	Moyer	JK	FMC HQ
Maj	Hug	GG	HQ SSF Petawawa	Maj	Black	RA	FMC HQ
Capt	Leclair	WC	HQ SSF Petawawa	Capt	Glauning	CJ	FMC HQ
Capt	Nixon	MA	MTC Petawawa	Capt	McKay	KM	FMC HQ
Tpr	Budzinski	L	HQ SSF Petawawa	Capt	Fletcher	CM	FMC HQ
MWO	Jacobs	KR	CFB Calgary	CWO	Ballard	SR	FMC HQ
WO	Hodgson	JR	CFB Calgary	WO	Alchorn	FA	FMC HQ
Sgt	Schnurr	AG	CFB Calgary	MCpl	Martin	NW	FMC HQ
MCpl	Crayne	DP	CFB Calgary	WO	Mantel	AR	CFB London
MCpl	Potter	RB	CFB Calgary	WO	Braye	RG	CFB London
Cpl	Bowen	PS	CFB Calgary	WO	Taylor	GW	CFB London
Cpl	MacFayden	AR	CFB Calgary	Sgt	Crosby	CR	CFB London
Cpl	Derry	RW	CFB Calgary	Sgt	Slaght	DB	CFB London
Cpl	Hayes	SP	CFB Calgary	Sgt	McCarthy	JD	CFRS St John's
Cpl	Pereira	EM	CFB Calgary	Sgt	Locke	GR	CFRS St John's
Cpl	Handgraff	GR	CFB Calgary	Col	Brown	AM	CFB Suffield
Cpl	Clarke	GN	CFB Calgary	Col	Murphy	JN	CFB Suffield
Capt	Splane	RW	CFB Cornwallis	Capt	MacDougal	TT	CFB Suffield
WO	Chalmers	RF	CFB Cornwallis	WO	Butler	RE	CFB Suffield
WO	Mann	SC	CFB Cornwallis	Sgt	Rice	GB	CFB Suffield
MCpl	Johnston	RG	CFB Cornwallis	MCpl	Rooney	JG	CFB Suffield
MCpl	Wall	D	CFB Cornwallis	MCpl	Poirier	JYG	CFB Suffield
MCpl	White	DT	CFB Cornwallis	MCpl	Jonsson	UJ	CFB Suffield
Maj	Gallant	JJ	CFB Saint-Jean	Cpl	Gernsbeck	GA	CFB Suffield
Capt	Donnelly	JM	CFB Borden	Cpl	Williamson	JF	CFB Suffield

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Lt BD Derible, receiving the CDS Commendation from Gen Manson, CDS.



Gen PD Manson, CDS, presenting the CDS Commendation to WO JAL Rousseau.

Again during the past year, several Dragoons distinguished themselves and thus brought credit upon the Regiment. Lt Bernie Derible and WO Luc Rousseau were awarded the CDS Commendation for their actions putting out a fire at a gas station in Weiden, West Germany. As well, the ETSM, CWO RE Nichol, was awarded the OMM for his performance while with the RCD.

In the field of sports, Capt Paul Leroux, a Dragoon serving at NDHQ, represented the Canadian

Army in Brazil at the CISM Army Marathon, and Lt Bernie Derible represented Canada at the CISM Volleyball Championships in Ankara, Turkey.

In a category unto itself, C Sqn performed exceptionally well at CAT 87, showing the world that we can still hit targets as fast as anyone else.

All Dragoons can be rightfully proud of the efforts of these men on behalf of the Regiment and our country.



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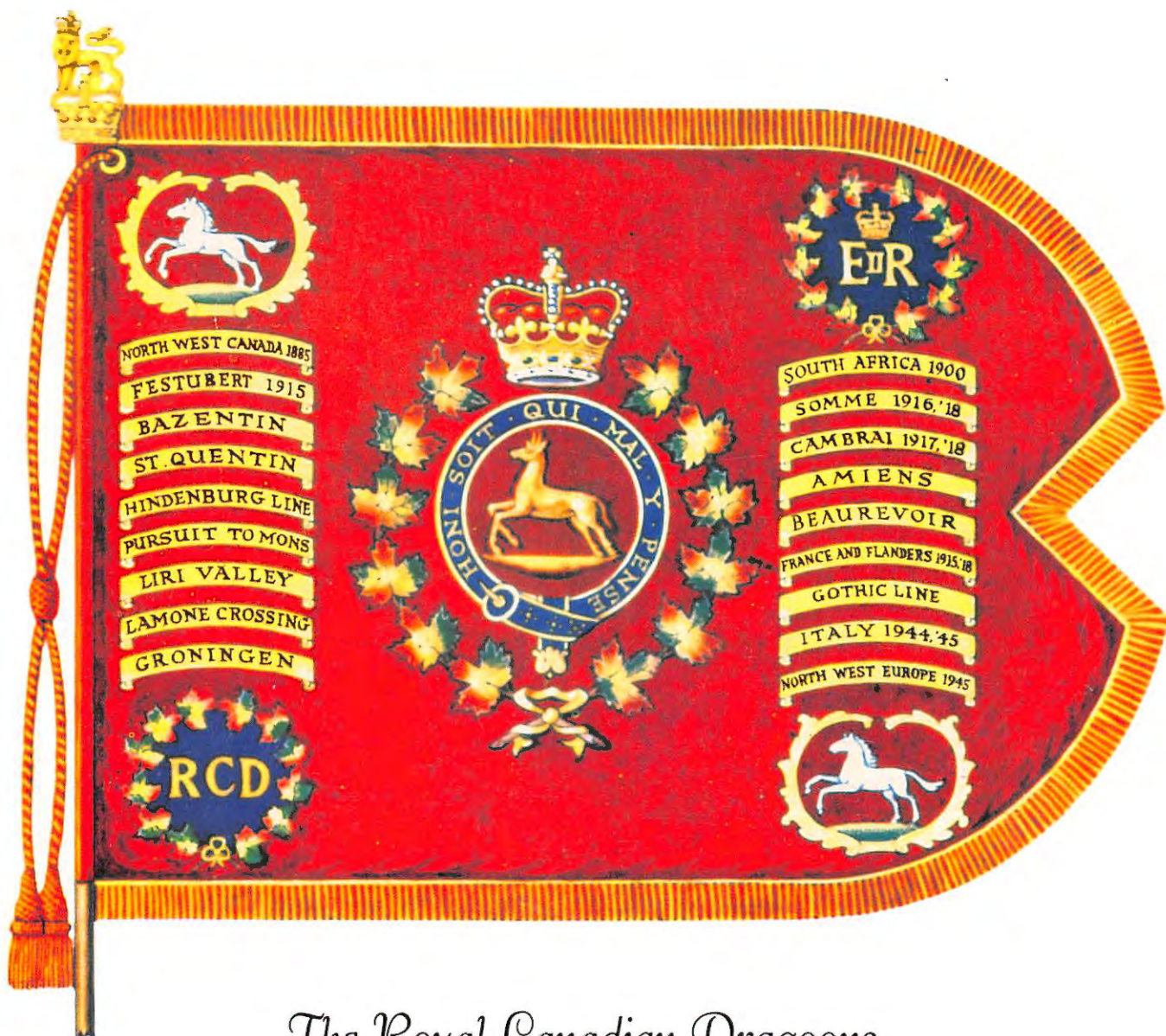
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